

EXPERIENCE SPANISH COURSE

The experience Spanish course has been designed for students to immerse themselves in the Spanish language and culture, in a practical and fun way. During the course, students will learn how to get by in the city through contextual learning, and acquire the basic linguistic notions to deal with the most common situations that occur when visiting a country. This modality complements the regular language courses with activities in the city.

The Experience Course is structured in two parts. During the first part, students attend four (4)-hours Spanish classes, according to their level of proficiency. The other part of the day is dedicated to special activities in the city.

OBJECTIVES

During the Experience course, students are expected to:

- Learn basic vocabulary related to the city and the daily activities that can be carried out there.
- Acquire the necessary basic language knowledge to get by in Spanish during a short stay, according to the level of the students.
- Learn to give and ask for information, talk about tastes and interests, express state of mind and needs, share personal information, run simple errands.
- Get to know the most common expressions, used in Spain.
- Master the most important socio-cultural strategies for interacting effectively with native speakers in specific situations.
- Know the city's tourist attractions and other less visited places.
- Experience and understand Spanish culture through some of its expressions.

CONTENTS

The linguistic content that will be taught during the experience Spanish course, corresponds to the regular course's programme, given at the time of the enrolment. Students, once they have enrolled and taken the placement test, will be placed in the corresponding level of proficiency. For more information, please consult the course programmes on the school's website.

The leisure and cultural activities cover several topics and will be provided according to the time of the year in which the student is enrolled. They will also depend on the needs and interests of the group. Although activities may vary, generally, the centre offers the following ones:

Activities	Description
City of Arts and Sciences	Guided tour of one of the most emblematic places in the city of Valencia. A brief description of Santiago Calatrava (the architect who created the complex), as well as information about the buildings, their uses and curious facts, will be provided. It is a good opportunity to take photos and understand the importance of this place for Valencians.

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Tour of the Old Town	<p>Tour of the old part of the city with the purpose to get to know several monuments and buildings of tourist interest: the Cathedral of Valencia, La Lonja de la Seda, the Central Market, the Plaza Redonda, the Serrano Towers, among others. Historical information will be provided in each of the sites visited, as well as a picture of the Spanish idiosyncrasy based on the architecture and customs of its people. During the tour, some picturesque corners and little-known places are visited. You can also taste something of the typical Valencian cuisine, such as paella and horchata¹.</p>
Bike tour	<p>Bicycle ride through the Turia Park. The route starts at kilometre zero, where the City of Arts and Sciences is located, and ends at the Parque de Cabecera. Participants can see entirely the different activities that this place offers, such as the open-air gyms, sports courts, leisure and rest areas, bars and restaurants, etc. They can also appreciate the design of the gardens, made up of both native and exotic plants. There will also be a brief explanation of the origin of Turia Park, the green lung and nerve centre of the capital. And, at the same time, you will enjoy a fun sports activity.</p>

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Visit to museums ²	Guided visit of one of the most relevant museums in the city: Instituto Valenciano de Arte Moderno (IVAM), Museo Valenciano de la Ilustración (MuVIM), Museo de Historia de Valencia, Museo de Bellas Artes de Valencia, Museo Fallero, Centro del Carmen Cultura Contemporánea (CCCC), among others. The selection of the museums will be made according to the needs and interests of the students, the available exhibitions and the capacity.
Summer at the beach	As a coastal city, Valencia offers many activities during the summer, that allow people to enjoy its beautiful beaches. The school organises outings, during which students can participate in beach volleyball tournaments, open-air concerts, water sports, swim in the sea or simply sunbathe while chatting in Spanish. ³
Oceanogràfic	The Oceanogràfic is the largest aquarium in Europe. Located within the City of Arts and Sciences' avant-garde architectural complex, it includes large aquariums that recreate faithfully the most important marine ecosystems. Students will be able to learn more about the world's marine fauna, while practising the language during the discussions that will arise in the guided tour. The Oceanogràfic entrance fee is included in the tuition fee for the experience Spanish course.

NOTES:

¹Food expenses are to be paid by the student.

²The museums entrance fee is not included in the tuition fee.

³Attendance at the open-air concerts is subject to the concerts' programme, which does not depend on the school. Similarly, water sports (surfing, diving, swimming...) are practised under the full responsibility of the student and always in full compliance with the beach rules.

El Rincón del Tándem reserves the right to change timetables and activities, depending on the season and the events on offer. In any case, we will coordinate with the group of students the relevant changes, so that they can make the most of their stay and avoid being affected by situations beyond our control.

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The school provides the student with all the necessary resources for the course. The instructional material will be provided by the school for all the duration of the students' academic stay.

In addition, the centre offers the following services that will complement the students' learning process:

- Library's books lending
- ICT (Information and Communications Technology) usage
- Academic tutoring
- Learning strategies
- Other resources deemed relevant by the centre

MODALITY

The experience Spanish course is a face-to-face and group course. The minimum number of students required to organize the course is five (5) and there is no maximum number of participants. In any case, it is recommended to contact the school's secretary's office to check availability.

DURATION

The duration of the course is as follows:

	HOURS PER WEEK	HOURS PER DAY	DURATION
Experience Spanish course	40 hours	4 hours of Spanish lessons 4 hours of special activities ¹	1 week

¹ Approximate duration. It will depend on the type of the activity. The activities may be shorter or longer than the scheduled time.

LEVELS

The classes of the experience Spanish course are taught at all language levels (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2). Participants will be placed in groups according to their level of proficiency. Students can attend courses that are already running or, if the number of students exceeds the capacity of the classroom or there is no course of the corresponding level, there is the possibility of organizing a new course to meet the demand.

SCHEDULE²

The experience Spanish course can be held in the following time slots:

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Morning ³	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Afternoon	3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Students can take Spanish classes in the morning and take part in the special activities in the afternoon or the other way round. Schedule will be set according to the characteristics of the group and the possibilities of the centre.

² Illustrative schedule. It will depend on the particular needs of the participants and the availability of the school.

³ It is possible to register for fewer hours of Spanish classes. Please consult the school secretary's office for the different options available.

EVALUATION

Evaluation will be continuous, qualitative, and educational, so no partial or final tests are planned.

A 75% attendance rate is required to obtain the course diploma.

If you wish to consult the extended programme of the courses, clarify doubts or ask specific questions, please contact the centre's secretary's office through the following channels:

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We are open from Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.