

SPAIN CLASSIC



COUNTRY INFORMATION

Spain is a treasure-trove of arts and culture brimming with flamenco music and dance, bull-fights, fantastic beaches and lots of sunshine. In the cities, narrow, twisting, old streets suddenly open out to views of daring modern architecture. Several regions in Spain have kept an additional identity, culturally and linguistically. All of this diversity combined with a rich heritage of history, art and architecture make Spain a fascinating place to visit as an exchange student. The people of Spain are called Spanish or Spaniards. Most people speak Spanish "Castellano", but there are additional languages in different parts of the country: Catalan, Basque and Galician. Most people in Spain are Roman Catholic.

Area: 505,990 square kilometres

Inhabitants: 47 million

Capital: Madrid

Language: Spanish

Languages: Galician, Basque, Catalan, Valencian

National day: 12th October

COUNTRY MAP



Age criteria:
14-18 years old

Starting months: September, December and January

Language requirements: good English skills, with an interest in learning and speaking Spanish

Visa: Mandatory - extra fees apply

Area choice: Yes, additional fee

Preparation course: Welcome weekend in Barcelona for September and January arrivals, extra fee apply

School year: September - June

School day: 8:00-15:00

Subjects: Mandatory and optional subjects

Optional trips: Options to join trips in Spain during the year

THE SCHOOL

Compulsory subjects in high school are Spanish Language and Literature, English, Social Science, Geography, History, Maths, Aesthetics, Physical Education, Religion or Study Activities. Optional subjects are offered, such as Physics and Chemistry, Biology or Geology, Crafts or Music. School hours vary depending on the area and type of school. One typical schedule would be classes from 9am to 5pm with a two-hour lunch break, another typical schedule would be classes from 9am to 2pm with no lunch break. When there is a lunch break of more than one hour, students usually go home to have lunch with their family.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Full Zapp application
- Good health
- Good grades (minimum C average)
- Good knowledge of English
- Skype interview before acceptance

THE CULTURE

The life in a Spanish host family tends to revolve around the host mother. She is the one who, most of the time, arranges everything and makes all the big decisions. During the weekdays/schooldays, if lucky, the student will be able to go home for a nice, freshly cooked lunch. In the afternoon, the student will be able to do homework or activities, such as participating in sports, flamenco classes etc. Later in the evening, the family meets up for a nice dinner.

HOST FAMILY

If your students like talking, smiling, going out, being with people and enjoying life, they are coming to ideal country. Spanish host families are very welcoming to exchange students, and, are eager to make them part of the family.

SPORTS

Sports activities take place after school, in the local community, and will have to be arranged by the student and the host family whilst in the host country. Spanish people like to consider themselves an active people that love to be social. You will most likely find clubs and organizations to join in your local community.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All exchange students to Spain are invited to participate in several excursions during the year. The excursions give students the opportunity to make friends from all over the world while experiencing new and exciting parts of the country. The excursions may vary from year to year and the prices depend on what is included. Information and invitations will be sent by email after arrival in the host country