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## Introduction

Dear reader,

The language spoken in a country is only part of the country's culture. We think the best way to learn a language is to be in frequent contact with that culture and learn to understand not only what is spoken, but also why it is spoken.

Besides that, it is clear that someone is more likely to develop in an environment where he or she feels comfortable.

These are basic values we take in mind when we select our language schools. Therefore you can be sure that every school puts in all the effort in creating a comfortable environment so you can focus on learning a new language while having a good time.

In this brochure you will find a summary of the language schools we offer in Spain.

We hope you enjoy reading it and to be able to welcome you soon to one of our language schools.

¡Hasta pronto!

With kind regards,

**linguaschools**



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## General information

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Besides that, it is clear that someone is more likely to develop in an environment where he or she feels comfortable.

These are basic values we take in mind when we select our language schools.

### Why linguaschools ?

Linguaschools stands for language schools with a familiar atmosphere and a close personal contact between students, teachers and employees of the school.

You always follow a language course in a small group with students of the same level as you. This way teachers can give classes which exactly match your level as well as the group's.

Lingua's language schools all offer a wide cultural programme with activities, which enable you to interact with your classmates and let you learn about the local culture.

Linguaschools always tries to find an optimal balance between price and quality. Therefore a lot of the time we are cheaper than our competition and we still offer high quality courses.

With **lingua** you don't pay an extra administration or enrolment fee. The price is always equal to the price you would have paid if you had booked directly with the language school.

### For whom ?

Linguaschools' language courses are for everybody; young, old, student, professional, retired. At most of our schools there is a minimum age though, which is around 16 or 17 years old, depending on the school. The average age is between 18 and 35.

### Characteristics of lingua's language schools

Our schools are intentionally not too big but medium-sized. This way there is sufficient personal attention for the student. There is a familiar atmosphere, so you can easily get in touch with fellow students and employees of the language school take their time to help you out with anything.

Besides offering a language course, Lingua's language schools all offer a wide cultural programme with activities so you can get in contact with your classmates and you get to learn about the local culture and people.

Groups have a reduced average size of 3 to 7 students (maximum 8 to 10, this can vary per language school). That makes it possible for teachers to have a more personal focus on each student and his or her wishes.





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### General information

#### Quality

Our schools are all officially recognized by the Spanish government. **Linguaschools** regularly visits its schools to guarantee we maintain the high quality we aim for.

The teachers are all native Spanish speakers. The teachers have a University degree in Spanish Philology and are widely experienced in language didactics, applying the most modern methods in keep with their constant training.



#### Teaching method

We work in small groups of the same equal level. During classes you participate in group assignments and you receive sufficient personal attention. Material is provided by the school. It is possible though to buy your own book if you wish.

#### Level

The didactical classification of the courses are divided into 6 levels from absolute beginner to superior.

On the first course day you will be tested to determine which level you have. Based on that level you will be placed in a group of your level.

#### Certificates

You can distinguish 6 levels according to the Common European Framework of Reference standards:

- > Elementál (A1 and A2)
- > Intermedio (B1 and B2)
- > Superior (C1 and C2)

At the end of the course you will be tested again and you will receive a certificate which states what level you have obtained.





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### Course

You can choose the course which matches your personal preferences. We offer you the following courses:

#### **Intensive 20 or 30 classes per week**

In this course you have 4 classes in a group every day from Monday to Friday. Besides learning Spanish, you will also receive classes about Spanish culture.

If you want more classes, you should choose the intensive 30 course. During this course, you have 6 classes in a group every day from Monday to Friday. Classes are normally in the morning and continue in the afternoon after a small break.

In the intensive courses, groups are small, about 4 to 7 students (maximum 8 to 10, this varies per school). Due to the small size of the groups, the teacher has sufficient time for personal support. In summer you could have the morning off and have classes in the afternoon.

#### **Intensive 20 classes per week + 5 or 10 individual classes**

This course is like the intensive 20, 4 hours in a group a day from Monday to Friday, but now you get 1 extra individual class a day. The 20+10 course offers 4 group classes and 2 extra individual classes a day. This course is regarded to be very intensive.

It's up to you what the subject of the individual classes are. For instance, you can choose to do Business Spanish, Spanish for tourism purposes, focus on grammar or work on your fluency. We advice you to take this course if your availability is limited and you want to learn Spanish quickly.

#### **D.E.L.E. preparation course**

In the D.E.L.E. examination course you are prepared for the Instituto Cervantes official D.E.L.E. exam. At the end of the course you will write the exam and if you pass, you will be handed the only internationally recognized Spanish language certificate. For more information, don't hesitate to contact us.



#### **One-to-one course**

For even more intensive or specialized classes we advise you to take the one-to-one course. The individual course is fully customized to your personal wishes and goals and you have a private teacher. Please contact us for a quote on your personal customized course programme.

#### **Customized course**

Do you have a certain idea of a course or combination of courses you want to take, please contact us and we can see what options are available.



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## Accommodation

For a successful stay you need a friendly and comfortable environment and we do our best to ensure it. We carefully select and regularly visit each type of accommodation. We offer you the following accommodation types:

Rooms are booked from the Sunday before the first day of the course until the Saturday after the last day of the course.

### Host family half board

In the host family you really get to feel the hospitality of a Spanish family. This is probably one of the best ways to get to know the Spanish culture. The family can also consist of a divorced Spanish woman (with or without children) who likes to cook for foreign people. You have your own room and get your own key of the house so you can still enjoy your independence. Of course you have to adapt yourself to the rules and customs of the house. The half board includes breakfast and dinner. Full board on request.

We can only book double rooms for students who make a reservation together.

### Shared apartment

The fully equipped apartments are shared with Spanish people or language school students. You have your own room in which you have everything you need: a single- or double bed, a wardrobe, a table and chair, etc. You share the usage of the living room, kitchen and bathroom. This is a great option if you want to take the opportunity to live with a variety of people from different cultures.

We can only book double rooms for students who make a reservation together.

### Hotel, pension or hostel

It is also possible to book a hotel, pension or hostel with us. The price depends a lot on the season and the preferred luxury. If you choose for this type of residence, please contact us and we'll send you the options within your request.



### Activities

We strive to give our students the optimal balance between a good learning experience and some good fun abroad. Our schools have a varied programme of activities which they offer besides the course programme. This way you have the possibility to come into contact with other students and enjoy the Spanish culture.

Every school offers a varied week programme, which most of the time they organize themselves. Besides the school activities, there is always a lot to see and do in general in the lively Spanish cities and their surroundings. If you want information about the city, things to do, or you're planning a weekend excursion yourself, the secretary of your school will be able to help you out.

Further on in this brochure, you find some examples of activities per school.



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### San Sebastián

San Sebastián is a city that creates an impact through its beauty and its lifestyle. It offers extraordinary landscapes in the city centre itself: the contrast between the sea and the mountains that outline the Bay of the Concha.

Beyond the concept of sun and sand all year the city offers: exhibitions, concerts, popular fiestas, sports and international events - Dance in May, Jazz in July and the Film Festival in September.

A short distance away: surf in Biarritz, skiing in the Pyrenees, the Pilgrims Route to Santiago, the wine cellars of Rioja and the avant-garde Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

#### Our school

Our school is located in a modern spacious building in the district of Egía in the centre of San Sebastián. You'll find a lot of small bars and restaurants in the area of the school where you can have a coffee in your break. Or you can relax at our nice open-air terrace with snacks, coffee and drink machines. The popular surfers beach "Zurriola" is only 10 minutes by foot from the school if you want to surf after classes.

Our school building is equipped with air-conditioning which is comfortable in the warm summer months. We provide free WIFI internet access and free use of our computers as well as a library of books and films to enhance your learning experience.

#### Courses

The class consists of small groups of 7 to 9 students (maximum 12). Class duration is 45 minutes. The minimum age is 17 years.

#### Activities

The school arranges cultural and leisure activities: an excellent opportunity to get to know our beautiful environment and our rich culture, a blend of both ancient and modern.

- > Introductory visit to San Sebastián
- > Excursions to fishing villages
- > Guided visit to the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao
- > Projection of films and slides on current affairs
- > Dancing lessons
- > Beach-Volley and sangría on the beach
- > Introduction to Basque language and culture
- > Visit to Chillida Museum



We would also like to inform you about the possibility of practicing and taking part in leisure activities in and around our city:

Excursions on mountain-bike, surfing, adventure sports, tennis, golf, horse riding, concerts, shows and weekend breaks to Pamplona; La Rioja, the Pyrenees, Madrid, Barcelona and Paris.

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## Salamanca

Many say Salamanca is the most beautiful city in Spain for her splendid Roman architecture. Due to this, Salamanca is on the UNESCO list of world heritage sites and was Europe's cultural capital in 2002.

Salamanca, is home to one of Europe's oldest universities. Its cosmopolitan and friendly atmosphere provides a stimulating environment to learn Spanish and to experience Spanish lifestyle and culture.

### Our school

Our school is located in the very centre of Salamanca within a minutes walk to the Plaza Mayor. There is a relaxed atmosphere within the school and our team of teachers are very motivated to teach you Spanish.

Within the school there is a library where you can take out Spanish books and films on loan. That way you can learn some more Spanish in your spare time. There are also computers available with (free) internet access.

### Courses

The classes consist of small groups of 3 to 7 students (maximum 8). Class duration is 50 minutes. The mini-mum age is 16 years.

### Activities

The school organizes several activities which allow you to experience some of the rich Spanish culture and the typically Spanish way of living the Salamaninos have. Besides that, the cultural activities are mainly a relaxed way to get to know your co-students and teachers..



Some examples of activities are:

- > Welcome party
- > City tour
- > Visits to exhibitions
- > Barbeques and parties in the countryside
- > Visit to a bull breeding estate
- > Spanish films
- > Picnic
- > Food tasting

Many different outings are possible because of Salamanca's ideal geographical location. An optional programme of visits to cities and areas of historic or artistic interest is arranged during all courses.

An excursion to Madrid, by train to Portugal, the Aldehuela jumble sale on Sunday morning, tennis, concerts, chill out in the Parque de los Jesuitas city parc or eating tapas in a typical tapas bar at the Plaza Mayor square in the centre.

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### Barcelona

The capital of Catalonia, is Spain's second biggest city and one of the most dynamic and lively cities in Europe. In Barcelona art, culture, sun, night life and relaxation come together.

The most famous part is without any doubt Las Ramblas and the Gothic part, the tourist centre. The narrow streets around the Ramblas form a merger of artists from all over the world, terraces, restaurants, shops and (tapas) bars.

#### Our school

Linguaschools Barcelona is located in a beautiful late 19th century house with a nice garden, only a 5 minutes' walk from Plaza Catalunya, right in the heart of Barcelona. Linguaschools Barcelona is located in a nice and quiet "Pasaje" without traffic where you can hear birds sing. We are surrounded by many boutiques, restaurants and small local cafes. You can chill out under the palm tree in our nice garden while having a coffee, meeting up with people from all over the world, catch up with your friends or family through Internet and taste the real Barcelona.

The school has air-conditioned classrooms, all with natural light, a free-access Internet room and a (video) library. Our teachers are all native speakers and have a university degree and many years of experience in teaching Spanish to foreign language students from absolute beginners to advanced.

#### Courses

The class consists of small groups of 3 to 6 students (maximum 10). Class duration: 55 minutes. Minimum age: 16 years. You can start on any Monday integrating in a level that has already been initiated before.

#### Activities

Our classroom teaching method combines theory and grammatical exercises with conversation and cultural immersions. The activities will change each week. Details will be available at the service desk along with times, date and price. Some of the following activities are available on a weekly basis:

- > Welcome party
- > Spanish film projection
- > Visit to the Sagrada Familia and park Güell
- > Exchange programme with Spanish students



We would like to point out that there are a lot of activities you can arrange yourself. The schools secretary is of course willing to help you with any questions: A visit to an FC Barcelona home match, a visit to the Olympic village, an excursion to one of the medieval villages surrounding Barcelona like Gerona, a visit to the Sagrada Familia, sea kayaking, wine tasting, hiking or horseback riding in Catalonia.

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### Madrid

Since its early days, people have come from all regions of Spain to settle in Madrid, thereby enriching the city with their own cultural traditions. However it was especially in the 20th century that the Spanish capital attracted people from all over the world, converting itself into an international metropolis where no one feels a stranger. Artists, writers and fashion designers have taken up residence in Madrid after finding here, the inspiration necessary for their creative work.

Madrid is world-famous for its old cafés, cozy tapas bars and restaurants brimming over with life day and night. Visit the small, traditional shops which have preserved the atmosphere of bygone days with their nostalgic interiors!



### Our school

Our school is located near metro station Bilbao, on the edge of Madrid's touristic centre. Here you experience the real Madrid, you're close to the centre and you have all the action you want within reach with the always lively Chueca district around the corner.

There's a lounge with some computers, newspapers and a school library with books and films to enhance our students' learning experience.

### Courses

Our committed team consists of qualified native speakers who have considerable experience in working with foreign students. They know how to pass on their motivation and their enthusiasm to their pupils, which enables the latter to immerse themselves in the Spanish language and culture in a cordial and creative atmosphere.

The classes consist of small groups of 3 to 6 students (maximum 8). Class duration is 55 minutes. The minimum age is 17 years.

### Activities

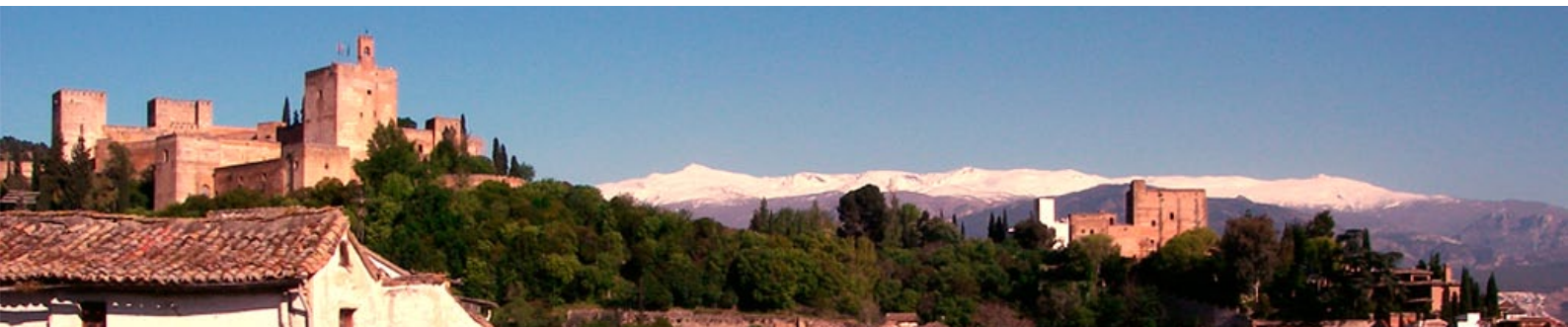
When the lessons are over we organize various activities on such as:

- > Guided walk in the heart of the city
- > Thematic city walks
- > Convents and palaces
- > Visits to exhibitions and museums
- > Theatre, concert, dance events
- > Spain's nightlife with its bars and cafés
- > Visits to local companies

There are a lot of things you can do in and around Madrid by yourself:

Guided hiking in the mountains, the Zoo aquarium, a visit to the tropical gardens in the Atocha train station, the Sunday morning Rastro jumble sale, skiing or snowboarding in the Sierra Guadarrama or visit a Real Madrid football match.

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### Granada

Granada is one of the most magical places in the world, full of contrasts. Throughout the centuries Granada has gained a worthy reputation of merging cultures and diverse trends. One of the most outstanding examples of architecture in the world is the Alhambra located in Granada. Apart from its historical importance Granada also offers endless cultural opportunities and entertainment thanks to its status as a university city.



#### Our school

The school is conveniently located next to the Palacio de Congresos gardens in the city centre. It is a pleasant school with modern facilities. There is air conditioning, heating, a library, free internet access and classrooms that are 25 metres<sup>2</sup>. It is only on a five minute walk from the heart of the city centre.

#### Courses

The classes consist of small groups of 3 to 7 students (maximum 8). Class duration is 45 minutes. The minimum age is 16 years.

#### Activities

The extracurricular activities are integral to the objectives of language learning and are considered to be an enjoyable continuation of the class.

For example, if you visit the Alhambra, you should understand the information provided by the guide as you will be studying it in class the following day.

In your free time you can take advantage of the various activities that are included in the cost of the course, depending on the duration of your stay. Some activities are:

- > A guided city tour
- > A visit to the Alhambra
- > Workshop Spanish literature
- > A video debate

There are a lot of things to do in the city of Granada, because of its central position in the south of Spain there are a lot of places to go at the weekend:

Daytrip to las Alpujarras, Flamenco show, a trip to Seville, a weekend to the Costa Tropical: a coastal area with long sandy beaches and beautiful rock formations, skiing, snowboarding or horseback riding in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

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### Málaga

Malaga, capital of the 'Costa del Sol' the second town in size of Andalusia, and one of the most important towns of Spain, with approximately 600.000 inhabitants. The Province of Malaga has fascinating landscapes, and a marvelous climate which allows you to enjoy the sun on numerous beaches (along 130 km of coast). The Cervantes Theatre provides for a rich cultural offer that can be complemented with visits to the museums and monuments showing the traces of other cultures: Romans, Arabs, etc.

You can make a 'tapa' tour, tasting all the flavours that remind you of being in Andalusia, or you sit down and have a coffee on one of the uncountable terraces of the 'Historic Centre' of Malaga, or you submerge in the unforgettable ambient of the night.



### Our school

The school was founded in 1982, and since then more than 15.000 Spanish learners from all over the world have successfully participated in its Spanish courses in Malaga. As one of the longest-standing schools of Malaga, it is located in one of the most characteristic spots in town, the square 'Plaza de la Merced', in a historic 19th Century building forming part of the ancient town centre.

### Courses

Each course has a minimum duration of 2 weeks from Monday to Friday with 4 lessons of 50 minutes each per day from 10.00 to 14.00. In summer, we establish an afternoon session from 16.00 to 20.00 in order to maintain the number of students per class reduced to a maximum of 9.

You can start on any Monday integrating in a level that has already been initiated before. Only beginners should keep to the official starting dates of the Spanish courses in the Malaga calendar. The purpose of forming reduced groups is to make learning more efficient and immediate by giving more opportunity to practice. The minimum age is 16 years.

### Activities

Malaga is a Mediterranean city with a warm climate and excellent conditions for outdoor activities all year, such as golf, tennis, beach volleyball, horse-riding and all types of water sports. You can visit the historic center of a wonderful coastal town well-known for its 'ambient', the beaches, sportive harbours and golf links. Close to Malaga you'll find some

The school organizes a variety of activities:

- > A welcome-drink or a farewell party
- > Guided cultural visits
- > Workshops on cinema, music, literature, etc.
- > Study tutorials

For the week-ends, we suggest excursions to places of cultural and tourist interest, sometimes accompanied by a teacher who acts as your guide: Granada, Córdoba, Seville, White Villages, Ronda, Tarifa (the place to be for kite- and windsurfers) or Morocco.

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## Valencia

The capital of the province of Valencia is a beautiful city at the Mediterranean coast. Valencia is one of the favourite destinations for international tourists, thanks to its mild weather, beautiful beaches, excellent food and its never ending life, during the day, but also at night. The modern part “Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias” is a unique example of modern architecture. Valencia is famous for its vibrant nightlife; in the city centre, the zones around the University and in summer at the beach and around the Port.

### Our school

Our school is located in the centre of Valencia. The school is small to medium sized and has a very friendly atmosphere. The school was originally set up by a group of teachers out of enthusiasm for teaching Spanish to foreigners. You will experience their enthusiasm from the first moment you enter the school.

Our school is very popular due to our excellence in teaching Spanish as a foreign language and our strong connections with the University of Valencia. We have a professional team of experienced teachers providing each student with the personal support needed to learn Spanish. Besides that we like to help our students as much we can to assure they have the best time in Valencia.

### Courses

The classes consist of small groups of 3 to 6 students (maximum 10). Class duration is 55 minutes. The minimum age is 16 years. Courses are usually in the morning, but can as well be in the afternoon.

You can start on any Monday integrating in a level that has already been initiated before.



Only beginners should keep to the official starting dates of the Spanish courses.

### Activities

When the lessons are over we organize various activities on such as:

- > A welcome drink or a farewell party
- > Flamenco and Salsa classes
- > Guided cultural visits
- > Dinner organised by the school
- > Various sports
- > Visits to a concert

For the weekends, we suggest excursions to places of cultural and tourist interest, sometimes accompanied by a teacher who acts as your guide: daytrip to Calpe, weekendtrip to Ibiza, cultural visit to Xativa, the village of Alboraya, etc.

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## Enrolment

Enrollment for **linguaschools'** courses is possible via our website [www.linguaschools.com](http://www.linguaschools.com). Here you can find a user-friendly booking system where you are able to choose from all possible courses, available accommodation and extra options.

You can also call 1 866 804 1874 (USA & Canada, toll free), 0034 931 761 536 (worldwide) to make reservations. A **linguaschools** employee will enroll you directly through our system. If we receive your payment 2 weeks before the start of your course we can guarantee a place in our courses.

### Payment

During your enrollment the total price of your course, accommodation and possible extra options will be calculated. You don't have to pay all this directly. Initially you pay € 100 as a down payment and on the first day of the course you will pay the remainder to the school's secretary.

Example:

Christine books a 3 week course in Barcelona with a single room in a shared apartment.

Let's say the total price is: € 680

After the enrollment process she would have paid € 100 to **lingua** using her credit card, thus she only has to pay € 580 on her first day of the course to the school in Barcelona.

### Confirmation

After we have received your down payment, you get an email with a username and password for your personal [my.linguaschools](http://my.linguaschools.com) page. On the website <http://my.linguaschools.com> you can log on and find all the details about your payment, course, accommodation, school etc.

On your personal page you may be asked to fill in a written level test and your flight details in order for us to arrange an airport pickup or make sure somebody will be waiting for you at your apartment.

All information, as accommodation's address, what time you have to be at the school, etc. will be online at least 7 days before the start of your course. Accessible all over the world 24/7.

### Transfer

All our schools provide the service of an airport transfer. An employee of the school collects you from the airport and takes you to the accommodation or the school. You can choose to have a transfer or not during the enrollment process.

### The trip

If you have any further questions or if you want some personal advice regarding your trip, you can contact us via our website [www.linguaschools.com](http://www.linguaschools.com), email [info@linguaschools.com](mailto:info@linguaschools.com) or by telephone on 1 866 804 1874 (USA & Canada, toll free), 0034 931 761 536 (worldwide).



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