

HOLA TO SPAIN



DOES THE THOUGHT OF LEARNING THE SECOND MOST SPOKEN LANGUAGE IN THE WORLD MAKE YOU WANT TO FLAMENCO DANCE YOUR WAY TO SPAIN? THEN DO WE HAVE TO STUDY PROGRAM FOR YOU!

Spain is widely known for Flamenco music and dance, bull-fights, fantastic beaches and lots of sunshine. However, Spain is also steeped in history and culture with some of the most beautiful cities and towns mixing historical monuments with futuristic architecture.

The country has a diverse landscape with beautiful mountain ranges, wildly stunning cliffs, picturesque coves of the Mediterranean, tiny villages perched on hilltops and the beauty of coastal outcrops reflective of the old Spain.

Spanish people possess a passion for life, expressed through their love of food, the music in their soul and their love of celebrating all the good things in life. Spain is the third largest country in Europe with a population of around 45 million. Spain's largest city and capital is Madrid,

located in the centre of the country. Madrid is also Spain's financial and commercial capital, as it has been for hundreds of years. Other major urban areas include Barcelona, Valencia, Seville, Bilbao and Malaga.

The various regions of Spain are quite diverse - with geographical, climatic and historical differences. Many and varied cultures have gone into the making of Spain, including the Castilians, Catalonians, Lusitanians, Galicians, Basques, Romans, Arabs, Jews, and Roma (Gypsies) - this accounts for the varied cuisines, customs, and prolific contributions to the world's artistic heritage.

Whilst daily life in Spain is the same as in other Western countries, some important practices that are particular to the country still remain. The most obvious is the organisation of the day and the scheduling of meals. Lunch, which is the main meal of the day, is eaten between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Traditionally it was followed by a nap - the famous siesta - however, as most people now commute between home

and work, this custom is in decline. Supper, a lighter meal, is also taken late, between 9:00 pm and 10:00 pm, or even later during the hot summer months.



CAPITAL: Madrid
POPULATION: 47,909,753
OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque
MONEY: Euro €
AREA: 505,988 square kilometres

Transport: Spain's network of train and bus services is one of the best in Europe and there aren't many places that can't be reached by using one or the other. Madrid and Barcelona have extensive bus and metro systems, however, all cities and provincial capitals have reasonable bus networks. **Climate:** The climate of Spain varies greatly from region to region. The northern coastal

regions are cool and humid with an average annual temperature of 14° Celsius. The Central plateau is cold in winter and hot in the summer; Madrid has a winter average of about 8° Celsius and a summer average of 23° Celsius. In Andalucia and the Levante, the climate is temperate except in summer, when temperatures can reach above 40° Celsius in the shade!

Food: Spanish cooking varies greatly from region to region, linked to local products and traditions. The Valencia region is home to one of Spain's most famous dishes, paella, south in Andalucia gazpacho is a beloved dish, while the cattle-producing region of Castile boasts succulent roasts and air-dried hams or *jamon*. Tapas are also associated with Spain and is the custom of having a small snack before a meal.



LENGTH	COST (from AUD)
Two months	\$7090
Three months*	\$7590
One Semester*	\$9450
One full school year*	\$11,850

* Visa not included