Learn Spanish by the beach and live the Mediterranean lifestyle
SPANISH COURSES in MALAGA, SPAIN
Spanish as a foreign language

SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

Cervantes Escuela Internacional, with 30 years of experience in teaching Spanish as a foreign language, features high quality and interactive educational material. This, together with the effectiveness of their teaching methods and socio-cultural program, ensures an excellent cultural and language immersion program.

Furthermore, we offer our students a personalized service in a pleasant atmosphere that will make your stay unforgettable.

ACCREDITED CENTRE

Cervantes E.I. is an accredited centre of the Cervantes Institute and founding member of the organizations of reference in the field of Spanish as a Foreign Language.

SCHOOL LOCATION

Cervantes E.I.

Cervantes E.I. is situated in Pedregalejo, the prettiest and most attractive area of Malaga, near the old fishing neighbourhood, which has now become the fashionable part of the city for eating out, having a drink or enjoying the coves of the Pedregalejo beach.

Pedregalejo

Pedregalejo is the combination of all the potential appeal of Malaga city in a residential area: beaches, seafront promenade, lush palm trees, acacias and jacarandas, and a wide range of local restaurants where you can taste the typical Malaga fried fish and watch the sunset... and only 10 minutes from the city centre.

Malaga
The contrasts between its views and the unique beauty of its geography which is formed by the contrasts between mountain and sea, sun and snow, valleys and beach coves, make Malaga an extraordinary region.

Located on the south of the Iberian Peninsula, Malaga is the fifth largest city in Spain by number of inhabitants, has an area of 398.25 square kilometres and its population borders on 570,000 inhabitants, although its metropolitan area is around a million.

The Mediterranean Sea bathes its shore and the Malaga Mountains surround it, forming a mountainous barrier that defends it from the cold, characterising its climate with mild temperatures due to the sea acting as a thermal regulator.

Malaga was founded by the Phoenicians in the 8th century B.C, making it one of the oldest cities in Europe. It has been declared a Historic Site, as few cities in the world can claim to have so many layers of footprints from previous civilizations from across the centuries. Phoenician ruins, Punic ruins, Roman and Arab ruins, etc, have converted the centre of the city into an authentic historical palimpsest in which we can find monuments such as the Roman theatre, the Alcazaba, the Cathedral, the Aduana, Jewish quarter as well as a rich archaeological heritage.

Today, Malaga is a modern city while still maintaining its special character. As a cosmopolitan city, Malaga still retains its cozy feel despite the large influence that foreign tourism in the Costa del Sol has had on other cities and towns along the coast.

Given everything mentioned above, its culture, climate, surroundings, and cosmopolitan character, Malaga becomes the ideal destination for Spanish students.
Our methodology follows a communicative approach because our main goal is to provide to our students with the necessary means to be able to operate in Spanish with ease and comfort.

We are aware that motivation is essential for the learning process. This is why at Cervantes Escuela Internacional we are constantly working to make the challenge of learning a language more exciting. Thus, we focus our efforts on the following criteria:

1. **New technologies.** We have ICT classrooms equipped with personal computers, projectors, digital books, digital interactive whiteboards (PDI) and wi-fi. Our teachers are constantly upgrading their training with different courses, in order to offer the latest advances in new technologies applied to teaching Spanish as a foreign language.

2. **The importance of the image.** Visualizing helps to establish relationships between different ideas and concepts. In our classes, we use visual material to increase motivation and interest and to facilitate more effective learning.

3. **Bespoke teaching material.** Our school believes in creating teaching materials suitable for the interests of different groups. We work with our own audiovisual and digital materials in all our classes.

4. **The playful component.** From a pedagogical point of view, playing is learning. In our courses, the playful component together with pedagogical methodology helps us to create a good environment and facilitate the learning process.

5. **The cultural component.** Learning a language goes beyond learning grammar and vocabulary; it’s also about knowing its speakers, its history, literature, idiosyncrasies, etc. In all our classes, the cultural component is included through different activities, games and presentations. Our teachers don’t just teach grammar, they also work with culture; an essential aspect, if one considers the richness and diversity of the Spanish-speaking world.

6. **Integration of skills.** In a real communication situation, knowledge of a language is enabled through various channels. For this reason, and because we are paying attention to different styles of learning in class, the student has the opportunity to speak, hear, read and write in our courses about various topics from different areas and a variety of situations.

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WHY CERVANTES ESCUELA INTERNACIONAL?

Location: only 50m from the beach and 15 minutes by bus from the city centre. There is a bus stop at the school gate.
Facilities: traditional villa with front garden and spacious and inviting Andalusia style patio; bright classrooms equipped with air conditioning.
Services: coffee bar, library, computer room, theatre, all services adapted for disabled guests.
Technology: All our classrooms are equipped with computers, projectors, interactive whiteboards and wi-fi.

THE COURSES
Wide range of courses: general, special and specific.
Preparation for the DELE Spanish language exam: high success rate (98-100%).
University access preparation courses for foreign students.
Quality: Strong commitment to our students to provide the best service every day.
Highly qualified: All of our teachers are language graduates with specialist training in teaching Spanish as a foreign language.
Personalised tutoring: help and guidance to meet specific objectives
Continuing education: all our teachers receive regular training courses.
Training centre: Cervantes Internacional School has an excellent reputation as a training centre for both native and non-native teachers of Spanish.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES
Accommodation: our staff will help you choose the accommodation that best suits your needs from our trusted network of apartments and host families.
Extra-curricular activities and excursions: you can enjoy numerous activities designed for you to practice what you learn in the classroom.
Direct and personal treatment: Cervantes Escuela Internacional’s staff will attend your needs individually.
Exchange with Spanish natives: the school provides this service to students upon request.
Social Networking: When you finish the course, you can keep in touch with the Spanish language through our school’s various social networks, allowing you to stay connected to our country’s language and culture.

LEVEL TEST
Before your arrival, you will receive an online test that will help the teaching staff to assess your level of Spanish.
On the first day of school, before commencing your course, you will have a personal interviews with a teacher who will determine your exact level. The time required for the placement test will not affect the schedule of contracted lessons.

CERTIFICATES
At the end of the course, you will receive:
• A certificate of attendance, specifying the type of course you have taken and the number of hours you have attended.
• A school report: the student will receive a detailed grade for each skill.
Note: We regularly make evaluation tests in order to assess the progress of each student. Your tutor will explain the evolution of your learning process, reviewing the necessary aspects.

TEACHING MATERIAL
On the first day, you will receive a textbook covering all the requirements (grammar, vocabulary, exercises, composition and conversation) for your course. The supplementary material and audio-visual materials provided by our teachers offer the student complete immersion in the Spanish language.

LEVELS
Our course levels are adapted to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) developed by the Language Policy Division of the Council of Europe, according to the curriculum of the Cervantes Institute.
COURSE DESCRIPTION

GENERAL COURSES

In all our courses, we rely on the components described in the Introduction (the playful component, the cultural component...). The only thing that changes is the number of weekly lessons and their content. Thus, in the Intensive Course and the Super Intensive Plus Course, you will enjoy several cultural activities designed to help you integrate more easily into Spanish culture.

For example, literature, history, art, gastronomy, politics, idiosyncrasies and aspects of Spain and Latin America will provide the starting point for practicing speaking and listening skills.

Our method is active and dynamic, granting the student the skills necessary for full independence both inside and outside the classroom. In addition, our activities will help you practice what is learned in class.

INTENSIVE
20 LESSONS WEEK

INTENSIVE PLUS
24 LESSONS WEEK

SUPER INTENSIVE
30 LESSONS WEEK

LONG TERM COURSES
(12-52 weeks)

These courses follow the same philosophy as those above and will help you obtain a deeper and more consistent understanding of Spanish. They are designed for students with different profiles:

- Students with little or no knowledge of Spanish
- Students who wish to take a year off to re-evaluate their professional future
- Students who wish to obtain a C1 or C2 DELE diploma
- Students who wish to enter a Spanish university and therefore require a high level of Spanish.

Depending on your level and your needs, you can choose from 12 to 52 weeks. These courses have a special discount. You can start any week of the year.

1. These courses are designed for all levels (A1-C2).
2. Starting dates: every Monday (except beginners).
   *see dates.
3. The minimum course length is 1 week although courses may last up to 52 weeks (long-term courses)....
SPECIAL COURSES

This is a bespoke course. **Learning is personalised at all levels.**

Apart from learning Spanish quickly and effectively, you can choose the specific areas and vocabulary that most interest you, in order to achieve specific objectives both personally and professionally.

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**INDIVIDUAL COURSE**

Our individual course is suitable for all levels from Beginner (A1) to Advanced (C2). It is mainly targeted to students who:

- Do not have much time or find it difficult to attend group classes or want to move at their own pace.
- Want a personalised service in order to learn as much as possible in the time available.
- Want to customise the course content.
- Have specific professional requirements.
- Want to practice certain aspects of the language.
- Want some extra classes as well as the group course they have already chosen.

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**GOLDEN AGE COURSE (+60)**

This program is designed for people over 60 who want to learn Spanish in a more relaxed environment than the intensive courses, for an individual discovery of the art and culture of Andalusia, Spain and Latin America. This program focuses on the practical use of the Spanish language in everyday situations in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

The course lasts two weeks and includes 20 lessons, books and teaching materials, roundtrip transfer, daily activities and one excursion.

**NOTE:** If there are not enough students to open a level of this course (60+), the students will join the intensive course best suited to their level.

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**INTENSIVE + FLAMENCO COURSE**

Flamenco music is originated in Andalusia and is an integral part of every fiesta. It integrates several musical and expressive elements - guitar, clapping, voice and dancing - to transmit the deepest human emotions of joy and sorrow. Cervantes Escuela Internacional offers a unique opportunity to learn this typically Spanish dance.

The course is aimed at students of all levels, from beginner (A1) to Advanced (C2) and offers an opportunity for full immersion in Spanish culture.

While you are improving your Spanish in class, you will also have the opportunity to learn flamenco dance with a professional teacher in the afternoon.
SPECIFIC COURSES

DELE COURSE
Cervantes Escuela Internacional offers a specific course for quick and effective preparation for all the DELE examinations (from A1 to C2). The DELE Diplomas are official qualifications accrediting all levels of competence and command of the Spanish language, granted by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport. This diploma is extremely valuable for those who want to study in a Spanish university or work in a Spanish-speaking country.

Our DELE Course is taught in small groups, offering a more personal and efficient service, and its objective is to offer solid knowledge of the Spanish language according to the student’s level (from A1 to C2), by presenting mock exams and techniques for success.

Our school has a very high pass rate at all levels of this Exam (98/100%).

SPANISH FOR EXECUTIVES COURSE
The Spanish for Executives Course is aimed at students and business professionals who need to communicate in Spanish in the business world.

The course consists in a theoretical and a practical part, both developing all kinds of tools (printed material, publications, audio-visual materials, computer applications, internet ...).

It is taught by highly qualified teachers with extensive experience in teaching Spanish as a foreign language and deep knowledge of the business world.

Note: Please contact the school for more detailed information regarding course outline, timetable and objectives.

COURSES FOR GROUPS
Courses designed for groups of students of all ages which combine Spanish teaching in the classroom with activities and excursions. Classes are held either exclusively for the group or with other students from the school, depending on level.

Cervantes E.I. has extensive experience in the organization of programmes for groups, always adapting to each organization or client. These courses are normally between 1 to 6 weeks long, during which we can offer different types of accommodation depending on your requirements. Contact us for more information.

SPANISH FOR LAWYERS COURSE
This course is aimed at legal professionals in general, and more specifically lawyers, officials and translators, as well as law students in the final year of their course.

According to the Common European Framework of Reference for language teaching, the course is designed for the B2, C1 and C2 levels.

This course is coordinated and taught by lawyers from the Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Málaga (Malaga’s Bar Association) with extensive experience in teaching Spanish as a foreign language.

The additional material and audio-visual supports have been created by a specialist team. This course responds to demand for specific language training in the professional field, or Spanish for Specific Purposes (EFE).

The course allows participants to understand specialist texts and legal arguments, to prepare briefs and to express themselves correctly with the legal vocabulary, as well as presenting the Spanish legal system and its institutions. In this regard, it is of particular interest and value for foreign legal professionals working or intending to work in Spain, or those with clients who have interests in Spain as it offers a deep knowledge of vocabulary, grammatical constructions and Spanish law.

Note: Please contact the school to request more detailed information regarding the course outline, timetable and objectives.
SPECIFIC COURSES

SPANISH COURSE FOR FAMILIES
Course for families that wish to combine family holidays with learning the Spanish language (also for mothers or fathers that are travelling alone with their children)
Learning Spanish with your children can be a unique experience for the whole family. The adults can choose from any of our courses and the children will be in the course that best adapts to their age and Spanish level.
If the parents decide not to enrol their children in classes, or they are younger than 3 years, it is possible to organize a baby-sitter during class hours.
Every day after class, the family can do activities organized by the school and participate in the excursions during the weekend.
The family shares the accommodation and can choose to stay in a host-family, individual apartment, hotel or hostel.
In designing the course for children, we gave special attention to the motivating character that it should have, and therefore we have included digital educational resources, games and short animated films suitable for the target audience - the children. We also take into account the different styles and rhythms of learning with a variety of materials (visual, audio and kinesthetic).
Contact us for more information.

DELE FOR YOUNG LEARNERS EXAM PREPARATION FOR GROUPS OR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS

We prepare your young students to obtain the DELE for Young Learners A1 or DELE for Young Learners A2/B1 certificates.

DELE FOR YOUNG LEARNERS
The Spanish level of younger students is recognized and accredited via the official Spanish Diploma certification DELE: this is an exam adapted for young people between the ages of 11 and 17 years (people who are 18 years or older must register for the general DELE exams).
The DELE A1 exam for young learners accredits the linguistic competence necessary to understand and use common everyday expressions and simple sentences, with the purpose of meeting immediate needs.
What are the advantages of obtaining the DELE A1 diploma for young learners?
- This diploma is an official qualification that corresponds to the levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- Certifies and evaluates the student's knowledge from their first contact with the language.
- Is valid indefinitely.
- Motivates students between the ages of 11 and 17 years, as it is a challenge and recognition of their learning in the initial stages.
The CEI course is designed so that the exam candidate can proficiently handle all four parts of the exam:
Part 1: Reading comprehension.
Part 2: Listening comprehension.
Part 3: Written expression and interaction.
Part 4: Oral expression and interaction.

DELE A2 - B1 exam for young learners
Following the completion of the DELE A2/ B1 exam for young learners, the successful candidates will receive one of the following certificates:

Spanish certificate level A2
- This certificate certifies that the candidate is able to understand common everyday phrases and expressions related to areas of experience that are especially relevant (basic information about themselves and their family, shopping, places of interest, occupations, etc.).

Spanish certificate level B1
This certificate certifies the ability of the language user to:
- Understand the main points of simple texts in standard language dealing with subjects that are familiar, either in situations of work, study or leisure.
- Handle most situations that may arise during travel through an area where they use the language.
- Produce simple and coherent texts on topics that are familiar or related to personal interest.
- Describe experiences, events, desires and aspirations, and briefly give reasons for their opinions and explain their plans.
The CEI course is designed so that the exam candidate can proficiently handle all four parts of the exam:
Part 1: Reading comprehension.
Part 2: Listening comprehension.
Part 3: Written expression and interaction.
Part 4: Oral expression and interaction.
**SPECIFIC COURSES**

**SPANISH FOR TEACHERS COURSE**

This course is for non-native teachers of Spanish as a Foreign Language (ELE), who wish to improve, deepen and refresh their knowledge of the language. It helps the teachers obtain new language and teaching skills that can be used in their own classrooms. The course provides knowledge of the most modern methodological trends of Spanish teaching and offers all the various skills, resources and strategies that a Spanish teacher requires.

The design of the course seeks to develop practical aspects of the interactive pedagogy, paying particular attention to the use of different teaching materials (audio-visual, internet, games, written materials, etc.), types of classes, student assessments and solutions to any potential problems that may arise in class.

Note: Please contact the school to request more detailed information regarding the course outline, timetable and objectives.

**INTENSIVE + HISPANIC STUDIES COURSE**

Spain and Latin America are linked by ties that go beyond a common language. Art, history, film and literature are just some of the subjects that this course will examine. You will achieve an understanding of Hispanic culture from a professional perspective, using interactive and innovative materials.

The program of this course allows students to learn Spanish, according to their level, through an interactive system based on the acquisition of language skills, and specific course seminars devoted to topics such as history, literature, geography, art, current issues in Spain, etc.

The objective of this course is to present the socio-cultural landscape of Spain and Latin America to our students.

**QUALITY GUARANTEES**
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ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

“AN EXCELLENT COMPLEMENT TO YOUR STUDIES”

Our activities program is an ideal complement to the language courses and will help you to practice new language skills in real situations as well as presenting Spanish life and culture. Our activities will also help you meet other students and teachers. During our activities, you will always be accompanied by a guide or a teacher.

EXCURSIONS

Our weekend trips offer an excellent opportunity to visit tourist sites in Andalusia and cities of great historical interest with beautiful monuments. You will be accompanied by a teacher or a guide who will explain everything you need to know about the sites, their environment, customs and traditions, as you practice your Spanish.

Cervantes International School offers fascinating excursions to Granada, Seville, Cordoba, Marbella, Ronda, Nerja and Frigiliana, even Morocco. These excursions will make your stay with us even more unforgettable.

Every day, from Monday to Friday, you can enjoy one of the following activities with us:

- Welcome and farewell parties
- Cultural visits
- Sports by the beach
- Videos & movies
- Flamenco classes
- Salsa classes
- Cooking workshop: Paella
- International food parties
- Beach parties
- Boat rides
- “Ir de tapas” (Spanish gastronomy culture)
- Chocolate con churros (hot chocolate and donuts)
- Ham and wine tasting
- Creative games
- & much, much more...

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FEATURED HOLIDAYS

THE MALAGA FAIR (LA FERIA DE MÁLAGA)
The two most important fairs in Spain are held in Malaga and Seville. Malaga’s fair is held in the middle of August and lasts for eight days. During this time, the streets of the city centre are full of colours, typical flamenco costumes and music. Everyone, locals and visitors, enjoys the festivities and the dancing while they eat and drink. It is as impressive during the daytime as at night in the main fair ground.

HOLY WEEK (SEMANA SANTA)
Together with the Feria, this is one of the most important events in Spain. Processions are organised throughout the week, lasting until the early hours of the morning, with enormous local participation. This colourful spectacle is a unique and moving experience.

THE NIGHT OF SAN JUAN (LA NOCHE DE SAN JUAN)
This festival of pre-Christian origin takes place on 23rd June, at night. It is one of the traditional Malaga parties. Bonfires all along the beach illuminate barbecues and parties. At midnight, revellers run into the sea and jump over the bonfires, as well as burning allegorical figures. It is a most enjoyable night.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is an essential aspect of your stay in Malaga. Cervantes E.I. places special attention in their selection of accommodations via a thorough search and always collecting feedback from our students during their stay. You can choose from the following options:

SPANISH HOST FAMILY
Staying with a Spanish Host Family gives you the opportunity to get the most out of your Spanish course and get to know Spanish cuisine, culture and customs in an easy and fun way.

Our Spanish host families are all close to the school (5-25 minutes walking) in the eastern part of Malaga, in the Pedregalejo and El Palo neighbourhoods. They offer shared rooms, meals, and free internet access.

You will integrate easily into Spanish society and this will make your progress in learning Spanish even faster. Of course you will have to adapt a little to the customs of your Spanish family, but you will enjoy their great hospitality without losing your independence, as you will have your own set of keys to the family home. With your Spanish host family you can put into practice in real situations, the new Spanish knowledge that you learnt in class. You can choose an individual room or a double room, and choose between two or three meals per day.

SHARED FLAT
“A cultural exchange”
Living in a student flat is sharing your experiences with 5 or 6 people from different countries and cultures, and making friends. Each flat has a lounge with TV, a fully equipped kitchen, one or two bathrooms, and 2 or 3 bedrooms. You can choose an individual room or a double room shared with another student. You only need to bring towels.

INDIVIDUAL FLAT/STUDIO
If you don’t want to share your accommodation with other students, or you are coming with friends or family, Cervantes can find you a studio, apartment or flat according to your needs. The minimum duration is one month, and reservations must be made for complete months. You only need to bring towels. If, once you are already in Malaga, you want to change your accommodation, don’t worry as we can help you with this.

HOTEL/HOSTEL
There are 4 hotels/hostels near the school, no more than 5-10 minutes, in the Pedregalejo neighbourhood.
SOCIAL MEDIA

- www.facebook.com/www.cervantes.to
- elblogdecervacentesmalaga.blogspot.com.es
- www.youtube.es/user/cervantesmalaga
- www.scoop.it/t/el-heraldo-de-cervantes-escuela-internacional
- @cervantesei
- www.flickr.com/photos/cervantes_ei_malaga/