

## SENIOR COURSES

The **Spanish Language Course for Senior Students** is a program specifically designed for Senior students (50 + Years) and combines Spanish language course with a range of activities and visits.

The language course consists in 2 hours of tuition daily in small groups of maximum 10 students. The levels offered are from beginners to advanced and the length of the course is 2 weeks.

Obviously the aim of this course is not only to learn Spanish but also to get to learn about the "Spanish way of life". So we put much stress on the fact that this kind of students should know more about the Spanish culture, and especially popular culture, what we could call "everyday life". For that reason, we pay very much attention to the language needed in normal situations rather than in grammar or specific structures, but always in a very enjoyable way for the student.

The materials are entirely up-to-date, with attractive format, easy to understand. Besides they give a lot of information about places, activities, experiences that the student will be able to put into practice in real life after the lessons. The focus is highly eclectic so that the student has the opportunity to benefit from several learning systems at the same time during the lesson. On the other hand every unit of work has a common topic, which the student will deal with although without noticing that he or she is making any effort to learn. Every single task will be related to the previous one so that the learner will scarcely notice the change of activity.

### Activities in the class:

The activities the student will have to deal with are very varied for the student to be active in class and feel the sensation that he or she is really learning to speak Spanish. We give great importance to the fact that the student needs the vocabulary to express and that is why this aspect is worked throughout and repeated effectively in a very dynamic way. The student will have the opportunity also to distinguish different pronunciations or intonation of Spanish from people from different countries.

We do not forget in this course the ability of writing but always from a very practical point of view. For example, in this case the student will be able either to send a postcard or write a shopping list. Games with words, practice outside the class and some other activities will complete the program.

### Extra activities and culture

A very important part of the course is focused on the Spanish Culture. Therefore the teachers will introduce the students into the Spanish History and the political situation nowadays. The conferences, the visits to Granada, Seville, Cordoba or other historical places will transport you to other times in history.

In our Seminars, they will learn also about our main generations of very well known Spanish writers as Federico García Lorca or Gabriel García Márquez, or famous painters like Goya, Velázquez, Dalí or Picasso (born in our city by the way). Our new Picasso Museum, the natal house of Picasso in Malaga or of Lorca in Granada, the new Center of Contemporary Art, the incredible tropical Botanical Garden are more than a excuse to visit our city.

The student will also understand where our **bullfight tradition** comes from, with the option of going to a typical *Corrida* and the tradition of the **Holy Week**, where huge catholic

thrones are carried along the streets in processions while full of passion people sing, cry and feel emotions and nobody remains indifferent. The Spanish culture is traditionally associated to **flamenco** and we do not promise that you will dance as a professional but you will learn about its origin and you will go to a typical flamenco dance show.

Here you are an example of a Senior program

Monday	10h00 – 12h00 Spanish lessons 15h00 / 19h00 <b>Orientation tour</b> in town with one of our teachers and return to Arroyo de la Miel, walking.
Tuesday	10h00 – 12h00 Spanish lessons 15h30 - 19h30 20h00 Half day visit to <b>Malaga</b> , by train and with our Spanish teachers. The group will visit the Cathedral, the Alcazaba and the native home of Picasso. Return to Benalmadena.
Wednesday	10h00 – 12h00 Spanish lessons 17h00 – 18h30 <b>Conference on Art</b> 21h00 – 23h00 <b>Flamenco show &amp; dinner</b>
Thursday	10h00 – 12h00 Spanish lessons 15h35 – 19h30 Half day visit to <b>Marbella</b> , by minibus and with our Spanish teachers. The group will visit the town centre followed by <b>Puerto Banus</b> , the most popular and exclusive yacht harbour in Spain. Return to Benalmádena.
Friday	10h00 – 12h00 Spanish lessons 16h30 – 18h30 <b>Spanish movie</b> at the school
Saturday	08h00 – 20h30 Full day excursion to <b>Granada</b> , by private bus and our teachers. Entrance fees to the Alhambra Palace, the Generalife Gardens and the Royal Chapel.
Sunday	Free day
Monday	10h00 – 12h00 Spanish lessons 20h30 – <b>Tapas tour</b> with teachers to taste the different Andalusia dishes.
Tuesday	10h00 – 12h00 Spanish lessons 16h00 – 20h30 Visit of <b>Torremolinos</b> , by train and free time for shopping.
Wednesday	10h00 – 12h00 Spanish lessons 17h00 – 18h30 <b>Conference on Art.</b>
Thursday	10h00 – 12h00 Spanish lessons 14h30 – 20h30 Half day visit to <b>Ronda</b> by private coach and our Spanish teachers. Entrance to the Mondragon palace and the bullring. Return to Benalmadena.
Friday	10h00 – 12h00 Spanish lessons 16h30 – 18h30 <b>Spanish movie</b> at the school
Saturday	08h00 – 20h30 Full day excursion to <b>Seville</b> , by private bus and our teachers. Entrance fees to the Cathedral, Reales Alcazares, and visit of the historic center, Plaza de España and Maria Luisa Park.