



# Enjoy learning Spanish in the Dominican Republic

**Speaking Spanish opens new worlds** – if it is for your personal goals, for business reasons, for your university studies or just because you want to communicate with your neighbors at home or the locals while you are traveling. **It is also an investment in your future** as Spanish, after English, is the most important language spoken around the world. So **learn the language where it is spoken** – a language course abroad is the most efficient way not only to learn, but to use your skills directly. **Because learning is doing.**

*We at IIC are glad to accompany your language acquisition. Benefit from our long-year experience in teaching Spanish in the Dominican Republic, meet our qualified, experienced, and motivated teachers who are looking forward to teaching you, enjoy the familiar and relaxing atmosphere at our schools, practice your newly acquired skills from class immediately among welcoming locals who are proud to show you their beautiful country. The Caribbean flair of the DR sets the ideal frame to let you enjoy your Spanish course at IIC.*

## Language School

The **Instituto Intercultural del Caribe (IIC)** is the Spanish section of the German-Dominican Language and Culture Institute EDASE, founded in 1994. We are one of the largest institutions in the Dominican Republic offering Spanish as a Second Language. In addition to Spanish classes for foreigners IIC offers German and English to Dominicans through **Casa Goethe**, the German/English department of the Institute.



Our language students can choose between two locations: One school is in the **country's capital Santo Domingo**, a Caribbean-style metropolis with more than 2.5 million inhabitants. The other school is on the north coast of the country in the **small sea town of Sosua**, famous for its incredible beaches and variety of water sports activities. Accommodation can be booked through the school.

**2 schools=1 program:** We want to offer our students from around the world the chance to learn more about the Dominican Republic, its inhabitants, their culture and way of life. Our student coordinators organize weekly excursions and activities.

Students can also divide their course between both locations. Thus the 2-city-program is another great possibility to discover the country's splendid diversity.

## Course Program

IIC courses range from one week to several months. They are available, at both schools, for all language levels: from beginners to advanced students (A1-C2).

You can sign up for **group courses** or **private classes** as standard with 20 lessons or intensive course with 30 lessons per week (each lesson is 45 minutes). The new course concept **Spanish PLUS** combines both course types. It is designed for those students who like to learn in groups, but also want to intensively work on their individual Spanish skills.

Custom-made trainings for **Spanish for Professionals** can be provided on demand; our **DELE Courses** will help you to be prepared for taking the internationally recognized DELE exams.

**Spanish & more:** You like Latin music and dancing? Then combine your Spanish course with **dance lessons** and discover the Dominican musical soul. Or take advantage of your unique surrounding and enjoy learning an exciting new sport like **scuba diving, wind or kite surfing** while studying at IIC. With the **Traveling Classroom**, we take your group on a language round-trip through the Dominican Republic. If you like to know more about those programs, please contact us or visit us on [www.edase.com](http://www.edase.com)

## Course concept

Our key concern is to **encourage you to speak from day one on**. Specifically designed study material is used, supported by modern audio-visual media, to help you improving your speaking ability.

Our qualified and trained teachers are native speakers who are widely experienced in the field of teaching Spanish as a foreign language. Groups are limited to 7 students. We balance grammar and conversation

during your course. The **grammatical basis** of our concept is the Standard Spanish (Castellano); the linguistic differences to the Spanish spoken in Latin-America, especially in the DR, and are pointed out in class.

Through our partners we are accredited for academic credits at several US universities. In Germany, our Spanish intensive courses are recognized as Bildungsurlaub (Accredited Language Study Abroad for Professionals).

### **Santo Domingo: Caribbean metropolis with old-world charm**

With a population of more than 2.5 million inhabitants Santo Domingo is a vibrant and lively metropolis where are many things to be seen and to be discovered. It is the oldest city in the New World, where the settlement of all the Americas began. Its colonial district, the Zona Colonial, was declared "A World Heritage Site" by UNESCO 1990.

In Santo Domingo, students have the opportunity to explore museums, historical buildings and dip into a bustling night-life. There are so many restaurants, bars, cafes and clubs that it is practically impossible to have visited them all. **A great place to meet people.**

#### **The Language School in Santo Domingo**

The school is located in the Zona Universitaria and faces the UASD, the country's largest university. The central location of the Institute makes it easy to seek out and explore many places of interest.

#### **Accommodation**

**School Apartment:** Single room, cable-TV, fan; shared bathroom, living room, kitchen; self-catering. Free internet access, WIFI. 2 min walking to school.

**Host family:** Accommodation with Dominican middle-class families; single room, students' bathroom; half-board (breakfast & dinner); 15 to 55 min by public transport to school.

**2-star Apart-hotel:** Single occupancy in studio, self-catering, private bathroom, refrigerator, kitchenette, Cable-TV, air conditioning. 10 min walking to school.

**Mid-range hotel:** Single room, breakfast, private bathroom, air conditioning, Cable-TV and swimming pool; 10 min walking to school.

### **Sosua/Cabarete: Learning Spanish under palm trees**

With its beautiful beaches, restaurants, discos and sports facilities, **Sosua** is perfect for those students who wish to combine studying Spanish with numerous leisure activities such as swimming, surfing, scuba diving, horseback-riding, playing golf and more).

Only 15 minutes east of Sosua is **surfer's paradise Cabarete**, one of the best wind- and kite surfing spots in the world.

#### **The Language School in Sosua**

The Institute is located in the district of El Batey, within a stone's throw of the city center and just a 5-minute walk away from the main beach. The school building, sheltered by impressive old trees and lush vegetation, offers the ideal ambiance for concentrated learning in a tropical surrounding.

#### **Accommodation in Sosua**

**School Studio:** Single room, breakfast (except on Sundays and holidays), private bathroom, refrigerator, fan and Cable-TV. Situated in the school building.

**School Apartment:** Single room, breakfast (except on Sundays and holidays), fan, Cable-TV, shared bathroom, fully equipped kitchen. Situated on campus.

**Mid-range Hotel:** Single room, breakfast, private bathroom, refrigerator, air conditioning, Cable-TV; swimming pool, breakfast terrace with ocean view. Situated directly at the beach; 10 min walking to school.

#### **Accommodation in Cabarete**

**2-star Hotel (Studio):** Individual bungalows with breakfast; private bathroom, refrigerator, fan; air conditioning, safe at extra cost; garden with swimming pool; 5 min walking to the ocean.

**2-star Hotel (Apartment):** Single occupancy in studio, self-catering; private bathroom, refrigerator, kitchenette, Cable-TV; terrace or balcony; air conditioning, safe at extra cost; garden with swimming pool; 5 min walking to the ocean.

All our accommodation categories in Santo Domingo, Sosua and Cabarete can also be booked in double occupancy. We recommend that our clients book health, baggage and cancellation insurance.



#### **Contact:**

For further information about our courses, please visit our website [www.edase.com](http://www.edase.com) Or contact us directly for an individual consultancy. You are always welcome.

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