



**Instituto Intercultural del Caribe**

# Spanish & Scuba Diving

## The great feeling of discovering a new world

*Spanish classes under palm trees in the mornings,  
in the afternoons, diving into the turquoise waters of the Caribbean:  
"Spanish & Scuba Diving" is for all those who want to learn (more) Spanish and  
at the same time, explore the dazzling underwater world of the Dominican Republic.*

### The Dive Area

Two reefs shape the bay of Sosua creating **ideal diving conditions**. Beginners can enjoy the colorful Caribbean and discover the feeling of zero gravity at 6 to 12 meters of depth. At depths of up to 40 meters, experienced divers will find numerous possibilities for exploring breath-taking deep walls, coral gardens, a sunken ship wreck or



a nearby fresh water cave. After the dive, the **beautiful beach of Sosua**, with its soft, golden-yellow sand, sprinkled with coconut and Flamboyant trees, invites you to relax lazily in the sun.

Sosua hosts **more than 19 different dive sites**, all only 5 to 20 minutes by boat away from the beach. Crystal-clear, turquoise waters with visibility ranging from 18 to 35 meters and underwater temperatures between 26°C und 29°C can be expected all

year long. The dive sites are home to groupers, king crabs, sepias and countless small tropical fishes. You might encounter morays, sting-rays, barracudas, or sometimes even the gigantic whale-shark, cheerful dolphins or a humpback whale.

### The Dive School

The dive school is under German leadership and has **over 15 years of experience** with diving in the Dominican Republic. It is one of the most renowned dive bases in the country. Before coming to the island the owner also ran a dive school in Germany.

The team consists of professionals only: All dive guides are certified Dive Master or Dive Instructor and have known the dive sites for years. Classes and briefings are multilingual. **Individual care for every diver and the diver's safety is the top priority.** That is why group sizes are only up to a maximum of 4 participants per guide in the practical trainings and on the dives.

The base itself takes care of the maintenance of the high-class equipment and has an own filling-station.

The dive center is located directly at the beach, only five minutes walking distance from the language school.

## The language school

The IIC was founded in 1994 as the Spanish Department of the German-Dominican Language and Culture Institute EDASE. With a school in Santo Domingo and one in Sosua, it has become one of the major institutions in the Dominican Republic offering Spanish as a foreign language. Spanish classes for foreigners and German/English classes for Dominicans are held in the same building.



IIC Sosua is located in the old and more serene part of Sosua, called El Batey. The school building, sheltered by impressive old trees and lush vegetation, offers the **ideal ambiance for concentrated learning** in a tropical surrounding.

The institute is within a stone's throw of the city center and 5 minutes walk away from the main beach. Nevertheless, the ambiance is so tranquil that classes often take place on one of the four shadowed and airy terraces.

Besides classes, the IIC team also **organizes regularly excursions and outdoor activities for the students**. In this way the students are enabled not only to learn Spanish but also to experience the Dominican Republic in an interesting and unique way.

## The Program

### Spanish

Classes consist of 20 45-minute-lessons per week (4 les/day). Students can choose between **group courses or private lessons**. Classes are usually 5 days a week, Monday till Friday, from 9:00am till 12:30pm. The **course concept** combines

grammar with conversation: on the one hand the grammatical basis of the language, the Castellano, is taught - the linguistic differences between the Spanish spoken in Latin-America are pointed out during the course. On the other hand the institute focuses greatly on providing students with the opportunity to practice speaking. For this reason, group courses are limited to a maximum of 7 students.

## Scuba Diving

### Package A: PADI Open Water Diver

This course conveys all theoretical knowledge and practical skills for **safe, fun scuba diving**. It is based upon the course concept of PADI, the largest international organization for scuba diving. PADI-Brevets are accepted worldwide.

Theory and practical skills are trained in parallel. The philosophy is: What you see and hear first in the classroom is what you will practice later in the water. This includes the secure handling and the correct maintenance of the equipment. During the practical lessons the students practice all exercises intensively in the pool before they continue their trainings in open water.

Depending on individual student's progress, this course usually takes 1 week (half-days).

### Package B-1 and B-2:

These two packages are for certified divers only. They consist of either 3 or 5 regular fun dives. Special dives like night, deep, wreck, navigation, nitrox, cave or a one-day dive trip are possible at an extra cost and on demand.



Diving is possible Monday through Saturday.

Health first: If you have any concerns about your diving fitness, we recommend contacting a doctor before you book the course.

## Dates & Facts:

### 1. Course Place:

**Sosua**

You should fly to Puerto Plata International Airport (POP).

### 2. Course Start:

**Group Course Spanish Beginners 2010:**

04.01. and 18.01.	10.05. and 24.05.	13.09. and 27.09.
01.02. and 15.02.	07.06. and 21.06.	11.10. and 25.10.
01.,15. and 29.03.	05.07. and 19.07.	08.11. and 22.11.
12.04. and 26.04.	02.,16. and 30.08.	06.12. and 20.12.

**Higher Spanish levels and Private Lessons: every Monday**

If Monday is a holiday, courses start on Tuesday.

**Public holidays:** Please note that no lessons will take place on the following public holidays (missed lessons will not be re-scheduled):

1 January	New Year's Day	1 May	Labor Day
21 January	Dia de la Altagracia	24 September	Dia de la Mercedes
27 February	Independence Day	25 December	Christmas Day
2 April	Good Friday		

### 3. Course Length:

optional – 1 week and up

### 4. Course Type:

**Spanish** Group Course or Private Lessons  
**Scuba** Beginner Course with exam (PADI-OWD) or Package(s) of dives for certified divers

### 5. Turn out:

no minimum number of participants required

### 6. Group Size:

**Spanish** Mini groups with 2 - 7 participants  
**Scuba** OWD-Certificate: max. 4 persons per Guide  
Dives: max. 4 persons per Guide

### 7. Levels:

**Spanish** A. Beginner B. Beginner with Knowledge  
C. Intermediate D. Advanced  
**Scuba** A. Beginner B. Certified diver

### 8. Performances:

**Spanish**  
20 lessons (45 min/les) per week (private or in group), study material, registration fee, placement test, certificate of participation.

#### **Scuba**

**Package A:** PADI-Course **Open Water Diver (OWD)**  
For beginners. Course length: 1 week (half-days)  
Introduction, pool training, 5 theory units, 4 open water dives, equipment, tanks and weight belt, boat transfers, final exam.  
PADI-certification fee and study material already included.

**Package B-1: 3 Fun Dives** (certified divers only)  
3 guided dives, tanks, weight belt, boat transfers, equipment on demand.

**Package B-2: 5 Fun Dives** (certified divers only)  
5 guided dives, tanks, weight belt, boat transfers, equipment on demand.

## 9. Accommodation possibilities

### in Sosua

**School Studio:** Single room, breakfast (Mon-Sat except on holidays), private bath, fridge, fan and cable-TV. Situated in the school building.

**School Apartment:** Single room, breakfast (Mon-Sat except on holidays), fan, cable-TV, shared bathroom, fully equipped kitchen, spacious living/dining room. Situated on campus.

**Mid-range Hotel:** Single room, breakfast; private bath, fridge, A/C, cable-TV; swimming pool, breakfast terrace with ocean view. Situated directly at the beach; 10 min walking to school.

### in Cabarete

**2-star Hotel Studio:** Individual bungalows with breakfast; private bath, fridge, fan; A/C, 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 bath, fridge, kitchenette, cable-TV; terrace or balcony; air conditioning, safe at extra cost; garden with swimming pool; 5 min walking to the ocean.

## 10. Prices (in US Dollars USD)

Spanish *	1 week	2 weeks	Addit. Week	
Group Course Standard (20 les/wk)	230.-	420.-	190.-	
Private Lessons Standard (20 les/wk)	350.-	640.-	295.-	
Accommodation in Sosua **+ ***	1 week	2 weeks	Addit. Week	Extra night
School Studio (single/breakfast)	195.-	360.-	185.-	30.-
School Apartment (single/breakfast)	195.-	360.-	185.-	30.-
Mid-range Hotel (single/breakfast)	450.-	950.-	510.-	75.-
Accommodation in Cabarete **+ ***	1 week	2 weeks	Addit. Week	Extra night
2-star Hotel: Studio (single/breakfast)	230.-	470.-	240.-	35.-
2-star Hotel: Apartm.(single/self-catering)	280.-	580.-	310.-	45.-

\* One lesson is 45 minutes. Course prices include: registration fee, study material, placement test, certificate of participation. Also incl.: refreshment during morning break, city orientation tour, student care.

\*\* Accommodation in double occupancy per person: regular list price less 25%.

Accommodation prices include: transfer on arrival from nearest airport to accommodation.

\*\*\* From 15 December 2010 until 5 January 2011 there is a 20% surcharge on all hotel accommodation, not on accommodation in IIC School Studio/Apartment.

Scuba Diving	With own equipment	With rental equipment
<b>Package A: *</b> Beginner Dive Course "Open Water Diver"	415.-	
<b>Package B-1:</b> 3 Fun Dives	95.-	110.-
<b>Package B-2:</b> 5 Fun Dives	150.-	170.-

\* including PADI-certification fee and study material

## Contact

For further information about our courses and special programs please visit our website or contact us directly. You are always welcome.

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