



Instituto Intercultural del Caribe

Spanish & Dancing

Language and Dancing – Expressions of a culture

“Spanish & Dancing” is for all those who want to discover the Dominican attitude towards life not only through the foreign language but also through the people’s dances and music.

“Dancing is like dreaming with your feet“.

Dominicans love to dance. Singing is probably the only other passion which can rival dancing as food for the Dominican’s soul.



Latin-American music and Afro-Caribbean dances like **Merengue, Bachata and Salsa** express the positive attitude of the people towards life and their culture, their vitality and joy in life and movement. Of all the rhythms that enriched the cultural heritage of the Dominicans, the Merengue is the most collective expression of the people's soul. As a popular musical form, it is very dynamic and varies from one generation to the next.

The IIC program „Spanish & Dancing“ gives an introduction to the language and dance world of the Dominican Republic. In the mornings, the participants tackle Spanish vocabularies, and in the afternoons, native dance instructors teach them the right

steps and passionate body language of the „Latin movement“.

The course takes place in **Santo Domingo**, the capital of the Dominican Republic.

The Course Place

With a population of more than 2.5 million inhabitants Santo Domingo is **a city that never sleeps**. At day it is one of the grand shopping bazaars of the Caribbean with such items as hand-wrapped cigars, jewellery made out of Larimar or Amber and other local handcrafts on sale virtually everywhere.



At night the city is filled with **Merengue and Bachata rhythms**. No other city in the Caribbean has a greater variety of restaurants and night life. A great place to meet people and practice your newly skills in Spanish and dancing.

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 classes for Dominicans are held in the same building.

The IIC Santo Domingo is located in the "Zona Universitaria" and faces the UASD, the country's biggest and most famous university. There is plenty of opportunity to come into contact with Dominican students at any one of the various street cafes or kiosks in the area.

Besides classes, the IIC team also organizes **evening activities and excursions** for the students.

The Program

Spanish

Spanish classes take place at the IIC, dance classes in a dance academy just a five-minute walk away. The language course consists of twenty 45-minute lessons per week (4 lessons/day). Classes are usually five days a week, Monday till Friday, from 9:00 am till 12:30 pm. Four different language levels are offered.

Students can choose between **group courses or private lessons**. Group courses for beginners start every second Monday (see dates below), higher levels and private classes every Monday.

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.

Dancing

Concerning dance classes, participants can also choose between group courses and private lessons. Both types consist of eight 60-minute-hours per week (2 hours/day); classes are Mondays till Thursdays.

Group Courses are taught either Merengue or Salsa. Private Lessons can be chosen from Merengue, Salsa or Bachata.



You can always enter a course, no matter which dancing level you have.

The Accommodation Choices

School Apartment

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

Guest 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.

10. Prices (in US Dollars)

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.-	
Dancing	1 week	2 weeks	Addit. Week	
Group Course Standard (8 h/wk)	60.-	110.-	50.-	
Private Lessons Standard (8 h/wk)	110.-	195.-	95.-	
Accommodation in Santo Domingo *+ **	1 week	2 weeks	Addit. Week	Extra Night
School Apartment (single/self-catering)	195.-	410.-	210.-	30.-
Guest Family (single/half-board)	265.-	520.-	270.-	40.-
2-star Apart-hotel (single/self-catering)	315.-	675.-	345.-	50.-
Mid-range Hotel (single/breakfast)	450.-	930.-	495.-	75.-

* Accommodation in double occupancy per person: regular list price less 25 %. Accommodation prices include transfer from airport to accommodation on arrival (applicable where the airport is nearest to the chosen school).

** 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 in Sosua and Guest Family/School Apartment in Santo Domingo.

Contact details

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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