



## WHY SPAIN?

- Spain is one of the most popular destinations for learning Spanish as a Foreign Language
- The educational system is well organised and brimming with opportunities for personal growth and academic achievement for international students
- The Spanish academic system gives students the freedom to decide what type of education they want
- Warm temperatures and sunny weather
- Spain claims to have one of the richest culinary varieties worldwide
- Spanish language is one of the fastest-growing around the world
- Spanish families are very welcoming and will make you feel you at home
- Spanish culture is based on family traditions

## ABOUT THIS PROGRAMME

This fantastic and exciting programme is aimed at teenagers who want to spend 1 or 2 terms, or a whole academic year in a Spanish High School. The students will attend a Spanish High School and follow the regular course together with Spanish students. This course will consist of 6 or 7 hours tuition per day held from 8:00 h till 14:00 h or 15:00 h.

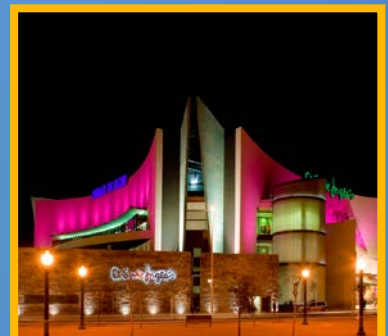
Normally the High Schools are within walking distance or easy reach from Top School.

## LEARNING SPANISH IN ELCHE

Elche is best known for its three UNESCO declared World Heritage Sites, and is very well connected: just a twenty minute drive to Alicante, fifteen minutes from the airport and (even better) ten minutes from the beach!

As it has Europe's largest Palm Grove, Elche offers a wonderful and unique landscape that allows you to enjoy a tropical, yet pleasant atmosphere. Its typical Mediterranean climate offers soft winters and warm summers, perfect for discovering the city all year round.

Elche also merges its culture and history effortlessly with modern times. A saunter through the streets will reveal the splendid Muslim past complemented by magnificent Baroque buildings throughout the architecture, but with enough recent development to rank as the third largest city in the Valencian Community region, just behind Valencia and Alicante.



### Top School in Spain

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## THE SPANISH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

The Spanish general education is organized as follows:

- Pre-School Education (0 to 6 years old)
- Primary Education (6 to 12 years old)
- Compulsory Secondary Education (12 to 16 years old)
- Post-Compulsory Secondary Education, including the Bachillerato and the Middle Grade of Vocational Training (16 to 18 years old)
- Upper Grade Vocational Training (18+ years old)
- University Education (18+ years old)

The Compulsory Secondary School and Bachillerato offer a wide range of subject choices such as Biology, Physics, Geography, History, Physical Education, Art, Spanish Language and Literature, English, French, Mathematics, Music, Business Studies, Technology, etc.

Classes start at the beginning of September and end the third week of June. There are 2 weeks of Christmas holidays, 10 days for Easter and 2 months and a half of summer holidays. Students are evaluated by means of exams and tests carried out weekly, monthly, or at the end of each term (every three months).

The Secondary Education in Spain is structured as follows:

| COURSE          | AGE             |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1º E.S.O.       | 12-13 years old |
| 2º E.S.O.       | 13-14 years old |
| 3º E.S.O.       | 14-15 years old |
| 4º E.S.O.       | 15-16 years old |
| 1º Bachillerato | 16-17 years old |
| 2º Bachillerato | 17-18 years old |

### PROGRAMME SUPERVISION

The programme is constantly supervised by a local coordinator from Top School who will regularly correspond with the teachers, the host family and the student to follow his progress and make sure everything is fine.

## EXTRA SPANISH CLASSES AT TOP SCHOOL

Top School offers classes of Spanish as a Foreign Language at an extra cost for those students in need. These lessons are compulsory for students with a very low level of Spanish or for those staying 6 weeks or less, and are optional for students staying 7 weeks or more. These lessons are held at Top School facilities and will usually take place in the afternoon. The course is mainly focused on practical communication skills and will be taught by our highly qualified and experienced native teachers.

The school is located opposite the City's University and a five minute stroll from the city centre. It is very close to several public transport links and within walking distance of inexpensive cafes and restaurants, and all kinds of local amenities. The brand new premises itself is recently built and suitably furnished, boasting modern air-conditioned classrooms equipped with digital interactive whiteboards and high-end audiovisual equipment. You can even bring your laptop, if you wish, and enjoy free Wi-Fi broadband connection to the internet.



## HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

All students will be accommodated with host families, on a full board basis (including a packed lunch) and we strive to select families with similar interests to the students. Living in a Spanish home is the best way to improve your language skills and experiencing everyday life with our carefully selected, locally based host families, the welcoming and supporting atmosphere only a Spanish home can create will allow every student to thrive.

All of our host families are within easy reach of the school and regularly supervised by our Accommodation Officer.



## REQUIREMENTS

- Valid passport and legalised/validated Identity Card
- Visa (if necessary)
- Medical/Travel Insurance
- Translated school report
- Pre-intermediate level of Spanish
- Age between 12 and 18 years old

## SAMPLE E.S.O. TIMETABLE

|               | MONDAY     | TUESDAY               | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                |
|---------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| 8.00 - 8.55   | Geography  | Technology            | Spanish   | History   | Maths                 |
| 8.55 - 9.50   | Technology | Technology            | Spanish   | Spanish   | Physical Education    |
| 9.50 - 10.45  | Maths      | Maths                 | History   | Religion/SCR<br>(Society, Culture and Religion) | French                |
| 10.45 - 11.05 | Break      | Break                 | Break     | Break   | Break                 |
| 11.05 - 12.00 | Arts       | Physical Education    | English   | Geography                                       | Arts                  |
| 12.00 - 12.55 | French     | Physics and Chemistry | Biology   | Biology   | Physics and Chemistry |
| 12.55 - 13.15 | Break      | Break                 | Break     | Break   | Break                 |
| 13.15 - 14.10 | Biology    | English               | Tutoring  | Physics and Chemistry                           | Civics                |
| 14.10 - 15.05 | History    | Geography             | French    | Physical Education                              | English               |

## The Immersion Package

### PROGRAMME DETAILS

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| AGE                   | 12-18 years old         |
| STARTING DATES        | All Year Round          |
| LENGTH OF COURSE      | From 1 week to 12 weeks |
| MINIMUM SPANISH LEVEL | Pre-Intermediate        |
| ACCOMMODATION         | Host Family             |

### IMMERSION PROGRAMME PRICE

|  | 2 WEEKS | 4 WEEKS | 5 WEEKS | 6 WEEKS |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Immersion in High School + 1 hour a day of Spanish as a Foreign Language | 1.186 € | 2.086 € | 2.500 € | 2.915 € |
| Administration fee   | 150 €   |         |         |         |

### THE PRICE INCLUDES

- 6-7 teaching hours a day in a Spanish High School
- Full board accommodation in a selected Spanish family
- 1 hour a day of Spanish as a Foreign Language at Top School
- Academic reports monitoring the student's progress
- Assessment for validation
- Constant supervision by a local coordinator
- Administration and school fees
- Return airport transfer to Alicante airport

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Excursions
- Medical/Travel insurance
- Flights

#### BOOKING TERMS

In order to book the course you must fill in the application form and pay a non-refundable deposit of 500 € to be deducted from the total fee. Payment in full must reach our account at least one month prior to arrival.





## The Academic Year Package

### PROGRAMME DETAILS

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>AGE</b>                   | 12-18 years old  |
| <b>STARTING DATES</b>        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of September or 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of January |
| <b>LENGTH OF COURSE</b>      | From 12 weeks to a whole Academic Year                               |
| <b>MINIMUM SPANISH LEVEL</b> | Pre-Intermediate   |
| <b>ACCOMMODATION</b>         | Host Family  |

### ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMME PRICE

|                              | 12 WEEKS | 24 WEEKS | 40 WEEKS |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Academic Year in High School | 4.500 €  | 7.375 €  | 11.363 € |

### THE PRICE INCLUDES

- 6-7 teaching hours a day in a Spanish High School
- Full board accommodation in a selected Spanish family
- Academic reports to follow the student's progress
- Assessment for validation
- Constant supervision by a local coordinator
- Administration and school fees
- Airport transfers from/to Alicante airport
- All text books

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Excursions
- Medical/Travel insurance
- Flights

#### BOOKING TERMS

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