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Welcome to this picture book which I hope will give you a feel for how much work we put into running our school tours. We take great pride in organizing everything in a personalised and caring way and strive to customise each tour to match your group's specific needs.

On behalf of our passionate team, I welcome you to our Spark world. Don't hesitate to email or call me if you have any questions. Inge Hol

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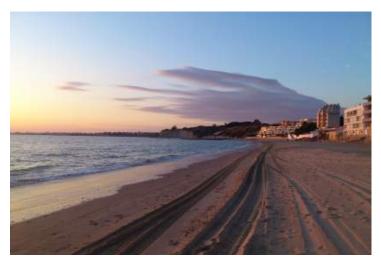


El Puerto de Santa María is ideally located on the beautiful costa de luz in the south west of Spain, in Cadiz province. The small size of the town makes it a safe and comfortable venue for school tours, meaning almost everything is reachable by foot. The spectacular beaches make it a hot spot for domestic Spanish tourism but it is also a hidden gem for international tourism as English is little known. This makes it a great place for a Spanish learning tour. The town is rich in history thanks to it's sherry industry, flamenco connection and historical port (one of Columbus's ships set sail to America from El Puerto) which makes it a fascinating venue to explore. It's close proximity to spectacular cities such as Cadiz, Jerez, Seville, Malaga and Gibraltar make day trips and further travelling easy!





El Puerto is full of rich culture and traditions that are just waiting for you to discover. It is an authentic Andalusian and Spanish town, making it a great place to experience "real" Spain.







The south of Spain is known for it's spectacular white, sandy beaches, and El Puerto is home to some of the prettiest in Spain. There are miles and miles of coastline for everyone to enjoy which never disappoint. Perfect for taking a stroll or sunbathing, you can never fail to see the beauty of these beaches. Spark is conveniently just a 10 minute walk from one of the most popular beaches in El Puerto, making your trip that little bit more special. The beaches are not only perfect for relaxing, but great for activities such as sailing, beach games and wind surfing, or simply just taking in the glorious sunshine! The fine, white sand is always a breathtaking sight.

















Seville is a stunning city, one of Europe's most spectacular, and being just 1 hour north of El Puerto. It is perfect for a packed day trip. It is full of marvellous architecture and culture and whilst there, you can visit the amazing Alcázar: a spectacular moorish castle, the famous doomed gothic cathedral (which was first a mosque) and the beautiful Plaza España where Star Wars was filmed, to name just a few of the sights!









The fantastic coastal city of Cadiz is just a short 20 minute boat ride away across the beautiful bay of Cadiz, The city is located on an islet, meaning it has the sea at all sides. It claims to be the oldest city in Europe, being first founded by the Phoenicians. Gaditaños (as the people are known) are famed throughout Spain for their unique character. By visiting the city, you'll no doubt see why.

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Jerez de la Frontera is just 20 mins away and is one of the most historic cities in Andalucia. It is where the word "Sherry" originates and is one of the major producers of the wine with El Puerto de Santa Maria and Sanlúcar, which together are known as the SherryTriangle. It is considered the home of flamenco and is the location of the world famous "dancing" Andalusian horses, In 2014, it is the designated European Wine Capital!









We strive to make our school tours as easy as possible for the accompanying teachers as our goal is to not only run a great tour but also to provide a stress-free environment for teachers to bond with their students. We provide a Spanish chaperone to be with the school group every step of the way, which ensures a smooth and fun trip. It ensures as much Spanish is used as possible. We also provide transportation for every trip, as well as airport pick-ups and drop-offs.

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We offer junior groups the opportunity to combine their El Puerto stay with starting or finishing their trip in Madrid, Barcelona, Granada or other major cities.

This is the perfect way to see major cities and small towns in Spain, combining them nicely with international flights.









We offer different types of accommodation, our most popular being homestay and our sparkville residence. We carefully handpick all our host families to ensure that they are well suited for each school group and each student. We guarantee host families with a child of the same gender and approximate age as the students to ensure the best homestay experience possible! It is the perfect way to practice speaking Spanish and to learn the Spanish way of life first hand.









School Groups can opt to stay in our wonderful sparkville residence, providing a great option for groups wishing to stay together. Sparkville has 14 fully equipped rooms and several communal areas, including a kitchen and spectacular walk on roof and can cater for up to 40 students on a shared basis.









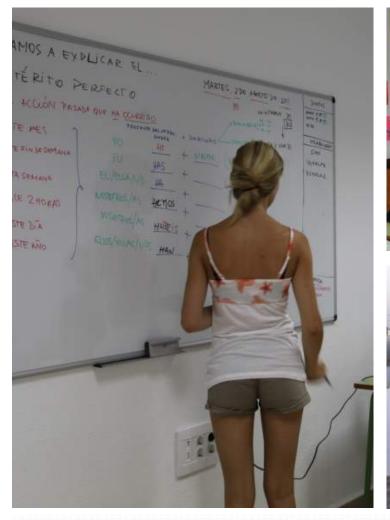
Each group in Sparkville would have their own Spanish chaperone staying in the residence with them to help make the stay easy and care-free and most importantly, to make sure as much Spanish as possible is used in the residence. Also, they would help inform the group of Spanish customs and traditions to enhance their cultural exposure and give an experience similar to that of homestay.







Our Spanish classes are fun, interactive and can be catered entirely to the needs of your group. You can take specific classes, for example on exam preparation, Spanish History and Culture, or focused on specific aspects of the Spanish language that students are struggling with. All classes are built around what you would like the students to learn and each class teaches language that students would need for the activities they will be doing later in the day which really helps make the most of their language exposure.







All classes are taught in Spanish by qualified native teachers of the language and there is a maximum of 12 students per group, which guarantees a rapid development of language skills and communicative ability. Moreover, our school group classes offer the opportunity for the students to not only learn Spanish but also to gain valuable cultural knowledge and, of course, have a great time! Due to Spark being a Spanish and English academy, there is also the opportunity for the school groups to interact with the teenagers of our English academy, doing "intercambio" activities like cultural presentations, Spanish-English quizzes and general conversation. This is a fun and interesting way for the students to practice what they have learnt within a real context.



There are many activities that you can do during your stay in El Puerto, such as visiting a local Bodega (a Spanish winery), scavenger hunts, tours and beach activities to name a few. You will discover the rich history of this authentic Andalusian town and discover why the locals love their town.









At the heart of Spanish culture is food and dining which is why we love to offer our groups "Master Chef" style cooking classes, where the students are taught common Spanish recipes and then they put those skills to practice in our own kitchen. Also, El Puerto's famous tapa restaurants offer a great place to try Spanish cuisine and put into practice all the Spanish learnt in class.



Due to being situated on the coast, there are many different activities involving water: kayaking, sailing, windsurfing and our special Super Cool activity offers a mix of all. We also organize bike and walking trips and can set up rugby, volleyball, basketball and football matches against local teams. If you have a specific activity you want, let us know and we can probably set it up.





Dance is at the heart of Spanish culture and plays such a big role in it's traditions and everyday life. We can arrange Spanish dance classes in the local flamenco dance Sevillanas or in popluar latin dances like Salsa. Whatever your group likes doing, dance classes are always a vibrant way to enter Spanish culture. Flamenco shows combined with tapas also offer a fascinating cultural activity for your group to experience.



















I hope you have enjoyed this picture journey of our Spark junior tours and got a sense of how much we care for what we do. Hope to see you soon, Inge Hol.
A special thanks to Charlotte Conway for carefully putting this album together.
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