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Spanish Courses in Palma

de Mallorca

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«Mallorca is paradise. With its rich landscapes and infinite blue skies, learning Spanish here has been a real pleasure.»

Sasha, GERMANY



IH Palma

A centre of excellence for over 25 years . . .

International House Palma occupies a bright, modern, spacious building in the centre of Palma, just off the prestigious Passeig Mallorca avenue. The 14 classrooms are spread over 3 floors and there is air-conditioning throughout. The top floor of the school is also an internet wireless hotspot, meaning that students can connect to the internet using their own laptop computers or 3G phones if they wish. The area immediately around the school is partly residential and partly commercial and there are several bars, restaurants and hotels within a 2-3 minute walk. The beautifully preserved old city which contains most of the city's main tourist attractions, including the cathedral and the ancient Arab baths, is just a 10-minute walk away.

«A big advantage of the school is that it is in the heart of the city.»

Maria, RUSSIA



The school

Our Teachers

Our competitive edge . . .

All our teachers are university graduates who have been trained to teach Spanish effectively on a rigorous teacher-training course that includes teaching practice. This means that we've seen all our teachers in action (teaching guinea pig students on our training courses) before we contract them to work with us, so we know that they are able to relate to their students and help them learn effectively. What's more, we're constantly organising seminars and training sessions to keep our teachers up-to-date with all the latest developments in language teaching methodology.

The main goal of most of our courses is to help our students develop their communicative skills. The best way to accomplish this is to conduct the classes entirely in Spanish and to provide students with plenty of opportunity for oral practice. This does not mean that other areas are neglected; our students also work on reading and writing skills, grammar and vocabulary.

'We don't just want you to know Spanish; we want you to be able to use it.'

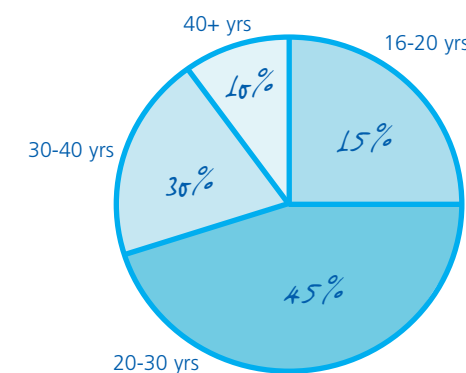


Our Students

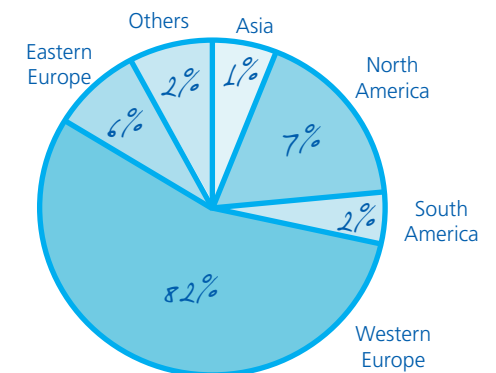
Your new friends . . .

Our students come from all over the world and they're from all sorts of different backgrounds. Many are full-time students back at home, others are professional people who need Spanish in their work. Some may recently have moved to Spain to live, others may be retired and studying Spanish as a hobby. The reasons people come and study with us are as many and varied as the students themselves. One thing you can be sure of is that you'll make lots of new friends.

Age range of students on our Intensive Group Course:



Nationalities of students on our Intensive Group Course:



Our Courses

Available all year round . . .

„The teachers are professional, they take good care of you and are really interested in your learning.“
Ninni, SWEDEN



1. Intensive Group Courses

This is our 'standard' Spanish course which is taken by 90% of our adult students. It consists of 20 hours tuition per week with classes normally held from 09.30 to 13.30, Monday to Friday.

We offer all levels of study which range from absolute beginners to very advanced. Students with some knowledge of Spanish can start any Monday throughout the year (except public holidays). Courses for complete beginners start on alternate Mondays.

2. Individual Tuition

Students can take from 1 to 6 hours of individual tuition per day. Students can either study entirely in this way, or, if they prefer, combine an Intensive Group Course in the mornings with 1, 2 or more hours of individual tuition in the afternoons.

The contents, times and starting dates of these private classes can be arranged to suit the individual student's needs.

We can also offer similarly tailor-made classes for two students studying together providing they have similar levels and linguistic needs.

3. Courses for the Over 50s

These 2-week courses are designed for students over the age of 50 who prefer to study and socialise with people of their own age. The course consists of 3 hours a day of Spanish classes, which take place from 10.00 to 13.00, Monday to Friday. The course also includes a special programme of visits to places of interest inside the city, a lunch or dinner in a typical Palma restaurant, and an excursion outside Palma at the weekend.

GENERAL NOTES:

Maximum number of students: 10
Average number of students per class: 6
1 hour = 55 minutes

4. Intensive Group Courses in different cities

IH Palma offers students the possibility of combining their studies in Palma with a similar course in a different part of the country. In other words, students can now take a course in Palma of 2, 3, 4 or more weeks and then continue their studies in Barcelona, Madrid, San Sebastian, Sevilla or one of a number of other IH schools in Spain.

5. On-line Spanish Courses

IH is the birthplace of Net Languages - one of the world's leading virtual language schools. Net Languages offers a range of Web-based language courses including Spanish courses for adults (16 or over).

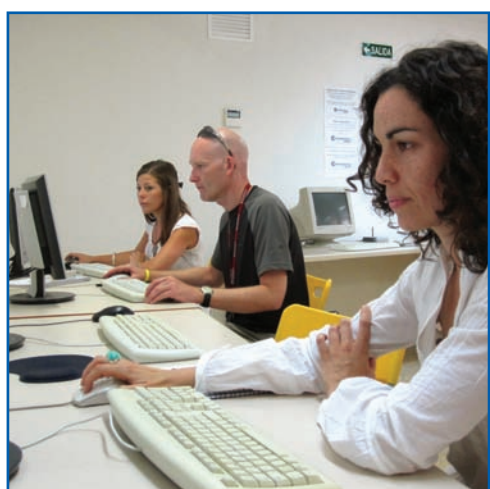
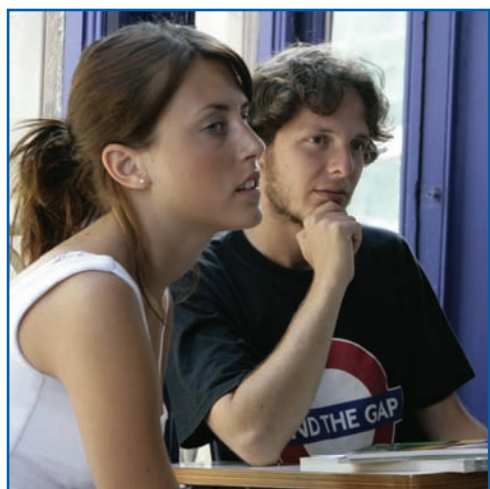
Each course (or level) consists of 120 hours of study materials and includes individual tutorials with qualified language instructors, most of whom are themselves IH teachers. Students who buy a course are also given access to all the resources of our virtual language school (the library, study centre, café, etc.) and through the school they also have access to our growing community of language learners around the world.

6. Custom-designed Courses for Special, Closed Groups

IH Palma can design and give "made-to-measure" courses at any time of the year for any kind of group. We will be pleased to send you a quotation for any specific course programme you would like us to design for you.

INCLUDED IN ALL COURSES:

Registration, classes, level test, all course materials, certificates, programme of social & cultural activities and access to all the school facilities.



Accommodation

Home from home . . .

„Sharing a flat with my fellow classmates, was ideal for making friends.“
Alexandro, ITALY

IH Palma can organise accommodation in host families, in student apartments or in local hotels and hostels.

„My host family were just great! I hope to be staying with them again next summer.“

Sandra, HOLLAND

1. Host families

Single rooms are available in the homes of the Spanish host families throughout the year. Students can choose to have bed and breakfast or half board, which includes dinner. In either case, corresponding weekend meals are also included. All host families have been carefully selected by our accommodation department, and all of them agree to offer students a warm welcome as well as a full range of services. Double rooms are also available for friends and couples.

Some families can offer extra services such as a bathroom for the student's own private use, an ironing service, etc. These families also offer either bed and breakfast or half board.

2. Rooms in shared apartments

International House can provide rooms in fully furnished apartments. Meals are not included, but the price does cover weekly cleaning and change of bed linen and towels.

3. Apartments for families or individuals

Students can also request an apartment for their own exclusive use for stays of one or more weeks. Prices on request.

4. Hotels and hostels

Palma has a large number of good quality hotels, many of which are within walking distance of the school. Prices vary depending on the category of hotel but all budgets can be catered for. We would be happy to send you quotations on request.

GENERAL NOTES:

Please note that all our accommodation is normally reserved from the Sunday preceding the course until the Saturday after the course ends. Extra nights can normally be arranged on request.

Please also note that while some accommodation is within walking distance of the school, other accommodation may be 20-25 minutes away by public transport. Our aim is always to provide the highest standard of accommodation for our students, irrespective of distance from the school.



Social Programme

Enjoy the many sights of Mallorca . . .

„IH Palma provides a great combination of study and play: the social and cultural activities were brilliant!“
Christopher, UK



IH Palma offers a varied programme of excursions and cultural activities which take place in the afternoons or evenings. These include a "welcome" cocktail, visits and excursions to places of interest in and around Palma, video films in Spanish and exchange evenings at which students can meet and talk with some of the local people who are learning English or German at the school. We also take students out in the evening to sample the city's unforgettable nightlife.

Sample Social Programme

Week 1

Monday

Welcome to IH cocktail party

Tuesday

Guided tour of the Old Quarter and Cathedral

Wednesday

Classic train ride to Soller

Thursday

Evening visit to some 'tapas' bars or to a disco

Saturday

Full-day excursion to one of the island's beaches



Week 2

Tuesday

Castillo de Bellver

Wednesday

Visit to Santa Maria market

Thursday

Exchange evening with students from IH Palma

Please note that while many of the social programme activities are free, students will be asked to pay for any transport costs and entrance fees.



Arriving in Palma

Palma airport is just 15-20 minutes from the city centre by taxi. There is also a bus service from the airport to the city centre. Buses leave every 15 minutes from 06.10 to 02.10. The journey takes around 30 minutes.

IH Palma can also provide an airport meeting and transfer service for students with little or no knowledge of Spanish. For prices please see the application form enclosed.



Why study at IH Palma?

There are many, many reasons. Here are just a few:

- We have a great school in an ideal location, right in the heart of the city centre.
- We have over 25 years' experience in language teaching and teacher training and during this time we've learnt quite a lot about how to teach effectively.
- We work hard to make sure that our students are happy from start to finish. Our aim is to exceed our students' expectations.
- We only employ teachers who have already demonstrated their ability to teach effectively.
- We have some great accommodation options, many of which are within walking distance of the school.
- We'll make sure you get to know the real Palma (not just the tourist spots) and we'll show you some of the best sights on this breathtakingly beautiful island.
- We're constantly working to improve our resources and services for students. Whatever you need, feel free to ask. If we can't provide whatever it is you're looking for ourselves, we'll do our best to help you find someone who can.
- We're not the cheapest school in Spain, but we do offer outstandingly good value for money.

Map of Palma City

