

¿Qué hora es?
Buenos días
Encantado de conocerte
¿Cómo se escribe?
Vuelve pronto
¿De dónde eres?
¡Que fácil!
¿Vamos de fiesta?
¿Te gusta?
Hace mucho calor... Estoy en Valencia
¡Vamos a la playa!
Hace buen tiempo
¿Cómo se dice...?



Costa de Valencia

escuela de español

¿Cuántos años tienes?
¿Qué significa...?
Hola, ¿qué tal? Adiós, hasta luego
¿Cómo te llamas?
No comprendo ¡Más despacio, por favor!
¿Puedes repetir?
Vale, de acuerdo Soy estudiante
¿Cómo estás? Igualmente
Bienvenido Me encanta la paella

Whether it is for work, school, or just simply for fun, learning Spanish is becoming more interesting and popular.

What better place is there to learn a foreign language than in a Spanish speaking country? And while we are at it, why not incorporate a language course, a vacation at the beach, and the vibrant life of a major Spanish metropolitan area all into one program?

Why not simply study Spanish in Valencia?



The city

Valencia, the third largest city in Spain with a population of about 800,000 people, is located directly on the Mediterranean. Compared to the rainy weather in the northern parts of the country and to the heat waves of over 40° C in the south, Valencia enjoys almost a perfect climate, where the sun shines an average of 320 days a year. A mild winter and a not-too-hot summer combine to put the annual average temperature at 18° C.

With a coastline of more than 485 km, the area of Valencia has some of Europe's finest beaches. Every year, more than 100 beaches and ports in the Comunidad Valencia received the quality mark "Blue Banner". This is more than any other region in Spain.

Numerous parks and countless palm trees help make Valencia a very green Spanish city. In the dry riverbed of the Turia, which was re-routed some years ago, sport and recreation facilities are intermingled among even more green areas.

Valencia also has a very good infrastructure: The international airport has direct flights to many important European cities; a motorway brings the travellers from the French border directly to the city; the AVE high-speed train connects Valencia with the mayor cities in Spain; and for those wanting to take a quick trip to Ibiza and Mallorca, daily ferries are there to whisk you across the water.

Agriculture is the largest economic sector in Valencia. This area produces 80% of the Spanish citrus crop. All types of fruits and vegetables can be found growing in the Huerta, the cultivated area that encircles Valencia like a green belt. These colourful crops, together with the daily seafood catch netted by the local fishing fleet, are offered for sale at both the Central Market, one of the largest in all of Europe, and at the various smaller markets sprinkled throughout the city. A truly incredible variety of foodstuffs, which one notices especially when ordering the most typical and famous of all dishes from this region - the Paella.



Valencia

For the past two thousand years, many different people and nationalities have added their own passages to the history of this grand city: the Iberians, the Carthaginians, the Romans, the Muslims, and the Christians just to name a few. In fact, some of the impressive buildings from throughout the ages can still be found in the historic city centre. Among them: the cathedral with its tower El Miguelete (which serves as a type of city landmark), the palace of the Marqués de Dos Aguas, the massive city gates Torres de Serrano, and the very unique silk exchange La Lonja. Old traditions and customs are still being kept alive by celebrating various festivals throughout the year in Valencia and the surrounding areas. In the month of August alone, there are 392 official festivals that take place in the Community of Valencia. Especially impressive is the festival Moros and Cristianos. However, without a doubt, the biggest festival of them all is Las Fallas. It is simply indescribable. It has to be experienced in person. In short: Valencia just can't be beaten as the best place to learn about the land, the people, and the Spanish language.



Ven,
aprende
español...
¡y vívelo!



Centro Acreditado



The Institute our Team, and The Teaching Methods

Our team at Costa de Valencia consists of young, academically educated native speakers, who have the ability and know-how to communicate and convey the Spanish language. The lessons are based upon our own specially developed methods. It is not in our intentions to drill grammar the entire course, but rather to put it into practical use and real communication. In other words, the course leans heavily on conversation and putting the language into action. The knowledge gained through the grammatical, pronunciational, and conversational exercises should be more than enough to help the students, any part of the exercises or instructions can be repeated and discussed in further detail.

Because of the nice and friendly atmosphere that is in the air at the Costa de Valencia, the students are motivated from day one to learn and to use the language. The close contact between the students and the teachers is organised in such a way that the teachers don't just participate in extracurricular activities, but also let the students plan some of their own activities. This quickly and easily leads to the meeting of Spanish people outside of the class.

Costa de Valencia, Spanish school is recognized by Instituto Cervantes as an accredited Centre of studies by Instituto Cervantes in Spanish as a foreign language and is a valuable part of the Institutos de Cervantes Network of Associated Centres.



Our courses

Intensive courses

Our Intensive courses start every Monday and at all levels. They include 20 hours of lessons per week (1 hour = 45 minutes) and additionally a socio-cultural module. To assure the active participation of each student and practice intensive Spanish, the groups consist of an average of 4-5 students and a maximum of 8 students.)

Before the course starts, a level test is taken so we can assure that you are going to be put into the course that is appropriate to your level. At the end of your course, you will be issued a certificate that confirms the level of Spanish you have reached.

The weekly courses of Costa de Valencia are offered in all levels corresponding to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR): A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2. However there are intermediate levels that ensure small, homogenous groups: A1+, A2+, B1+, B2+, C1+.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER (A1 BREAKTHROUGH)

Aimed at beginners. The basics of the language are taught with a practical orientation. Basic grammar is dealt with, as is the necessary vocabulary for day to day life, such as ordering a café, asking for directions, giving personal information etc.

BASIC (A2 WAYSTAGE)

Designed for those who already possess some knowledge of the language, but who need to improve their written and oral expression, as well as re-enforcing the grammatical rules and spelling. The



vocabulary learned at this level will allow students to participate with more confidence in simple conversations on day to day topics.

INTERMEDIATE (B1 THRESHOLD)

This level is designed to enrich the vocabulary of the student, improve their spoken Spanish and correct common mistakes. Exercises and analysis of texts allow the student to study and revise the more difficult conjugations, especially the use of the subjunctive.

ADVANCED (B2 VANTAGE)

This level is designed for those who have an understanding of the Spanish language but need to deepen their knowledge of idiomatic phrases and master its subtleties and nuances. Debates are based on current affairs from the national press and the study of literature facilitates the discovery of culture and Spanish society.

HIGH ADVANCED (C1 EFFECTIVE OPERATIONAL PROFICIENCY)

This level is designed to consolidate grammatical structures already studied, so that through study, comprehension and recognition of those structures that, due to their frequent use, become necessary for any student studying our language are mastered. The texts used cover all the modes and levels of language and the oral practice focuses on a variety of themes, speakers and contexts.

MASTERY (C2 MASTERY)

This level is designed to strengthen, deepen and set fixed all structures, spoken and written that the student has accumulated during their study of the Spanish language. This level is also designed to ensure correct use of expressions, varieties of language and specific vocabulary that the student may need. Vocabulary is learned quickly and

steadily through all types of text and activities, which put the lexical knowledge and ability of the student to the test.

It deals with difficult aspects of Spanish, which are difficult even for Spanish speakers, for example the position of adjectives in prepositions, difficult cases of the subjunctive, acronyms and homonyms, rules of prepositions etc.

LEVELS

ñ All levels

ñ A2, B1, B2, C1, C2

ñ B2, C1, C2

Complementary Courses

Additional courses can be combined with our intensive courses. They are 10 hours a week (1 hour = 45 minutes). The classes are taught Monday to Friday we will try to adapt the students' needs. The groups have a maximum of 8 students (average of 2.5).

Superintensive course ñ

Designed to strengthen, revise and study in detail the content of the intensive course.

Conversation ñ

Improving the spoken language skills of the students through dialogues with the teacher on subjects chosen from the most recent topics in class.

Pronunciation ñ

To correct the most common pronunciation mistakes.

Business Spanish courses ñ Ñ

The Spanish terminology used in the business world.

Literature ñ Ñ

The main literary styles of Spanish literature and their most important Spanish and Latin-American authors

Spanish for tourism ñ

Spain's tourism resources its structure and its impact.

Spanish cinema ñ Ñ

The main works in Spanish cinematography, its most prolific directors and most international actors and actresses.

Modern Spanish history ñ Ñ

The most prominent dates and eras in contemporary Spanish history.



Spanish Culture ñ

The specific features that shape our identity through the aspects from daily life but also from historic events, well-known Hispanics and the artistic expressions.

Football Course ñ

The teams, stadiums, vocabulary, curiosities and history of the clubs that you need to understand one of the greatest passions of the Spanish people.



Programme of activities

At Costa de Valencia, school of Spanish

we do not agree with the idea that learning Spanish is solely confined to being able to speak and understand, but that it should also include learning about the culture and lifestyle of modern Spanish society. For this reason, we give great importance to the socio-cultural and free time activities carefully organised daily for our students. In agreement with our slogan "Come, learn Spanish...and live it!", we hope that our students get to know and participate in the day to day life of the city and feel just like another Valencian. It is obvious that with the wide range of activities on offer, our students enjoy themselves, while learning Spanish, after their classes, through our "little holidays" into our community.

Each Friday we put up the activities for the coming week. To keep up to date with the extra curricular activities, students can find them at our Weekly programme of socio-cultural, sport and leisure activities on our homepage. To participate in an activity the students only need to sign up on the informative poster in the school. Participation in the programme is free and the costs to students are reduced to the cost of film tickets or drinks. Every Monday, we welcome our students with a paella.

Each day we organise up to 4 activities so that students can learn about the city, enjoy

themselves, practice their Spanish and take part in typical Spanish customs and celebrations, in and around Valencia: visiting museums, typical meals, fiestas, sporting activities, nights out etc. At weekends, we organise nights out, or whole day excursions, for example to the nature reserve of Albufera, the theme park at Terra Mítica, extreme sports such as rafting or trips to the towns and villages surrounding Valencia. Costs incurred during said trips are not included in the course fee.

For those who love culture, we organise trips to museums, monuments and other places of cultural interest. Included are the bullfighting museum, The City of Arts and Sciences, the Fallas Museum, The ceramic museum, Fallas museum, art galleries, etc.

We also attend the typical fiestas of the city and its surrounding areas, such as las Fallas, La Tomatina, Moors and Christians, etc.

During Fallas, we design a programme specially adapted so that our students can understand the festival better and experience every stage of the weeklong experience: mascletàs, fireworks, processions, parades, concerts, parties which last all day and night.

For the students who are fond of sport, a big city such as Valencia on the coast of the Mediterranean, gives you the chance to practice any sport you like. If you wish to

Other Spanish courses

DELE preparation course

Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE) are official diplomas, accredited level of dominance and understanding of the Spanish Language, awarded by the Instituto Cervantes on the behalf the Spanish Ministry of Education.

Costa de Valencia, Spanish school is an accredited by the Instituto Cervantes to teach Spanish a foreign language and inscription centre, therefore you can register and take the exam here at Costa de Valencia. Our DELE courses prepare students for the examination dates in May, August and November.

Preparation courses for the Chamber of Commerce Madrid examinations

The chamber of Commerce and Industry of Madrid, in collaboration with the University of Alcalá de Henares, offer specialized certification in Spanish language within the economic and commercial sphere, tourism and medicine. Costa de Valencia, is a examination centre of these official diplomas and you can register in exams, take a course in each of these and do it all here in our facilities.

Extensive courses

These courses are specially designed for students who will be living in Valencia for an extended period of time (students from the Erasmus/Socrates programme, au-pairs etc) and are available from September to June.

Teacher training programmes ELE - Spanish as a foreign language

For those who want to specialize in Spanish and improve upon their education background. They will have the opportunity to teach students from our school.

Group course programmes

Costa de Valencia, Spanish school, offers the opportunity to plan a study abroad programme for groups according to their expectations and desires. Group travels and school trips; stay with or without classes.

One to one Spanish lessons

Personal classes in which you can decide about the speed of the class, timetable and contents.

Tailor-made courses

If you require a different, more personalised method of learning, please contact us.

keep fit by going to the gym, speak to our school secretary who can put you in contact with a gym nearby the school where students from Costa de Valencia enjoy discounts. If you wish to play a team sport, we can organise matches at the beach or in polideportivos (football, basketball, volleyball etc.). If you wish to play with friends, and you do not have a ball, we can lend you one.

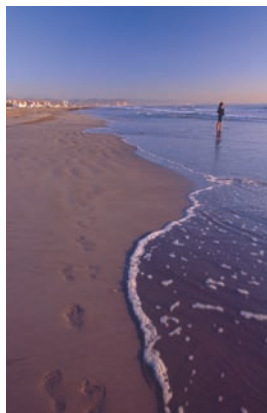
For football fans, we can offer an interesting program which allows students to visit the stadium and training sessions of Valencia F.C., as well as giving them not only the possibility of going to a live Spanish league match each week, but also to see the Copa del Rey or Champions' League matches.

If you prefer to be a spectator, Valencia is and has been the home of several major sporting events, such as the America's Cup, Formula One Gran Prix, Moto Grand Prix, Tennis Open of Valencia etc.

In a seaside town as Valencia, there are many activities which you can take part in. The sea is easy to reach: If you do not go on foot or by bicycle – Valencia has a quiet big network of public bicycle-hire, you can go via metro, tram or bus which connect all the town with the beach. During the summer months, the beach becomes the hustle and bustle of the city due to its open air clubs carrying the party on into the early hours of the morning. Nightlife in Valencia is legendary; proof of this is the saying "marcha Valenciana".

Every night of the week, you can find a club or a bar for all tastes and budgets, with the nightclubs just as busy during the winter as the summer.

In Valencia, there's always something to do!



Accommodation

Costa de Valencia, Spanish School offers several different accommodation plans: Sharing a flat with other students of the institute, staying with Spanish families, with Spanish students in a Student Residence, or even sharing with Spanish students (during university term).

The institute's flats are divided into both single and double rooms and are designed to accommodate between four and six people. In addition to comfortable rooms, we also provide a well-equipped kitchen, bath, washing machines, and an iron. Sheets will be supplied, and gas and electricity are included in the price.

Upon registration, if you would like to be roomed with someone in particular, please note this, along with the other person's name, on the registration form. Friends, who are not participating in the course itself, are also welcome to reserve a room.

The rooms are available from 5 o' clock the Sunday before the first day of class, until 11 o' clock the Saturday after the last day of class. If your travel dates do not coincide and you need additional accommodation, please make note of this when you register.



Getting to Valencia?

Costa de Valencia, Spanish school is located in the university area of Valencia city, between the historic centre and the beach. Very near the University of Valencia and the Polytechnic University of Valencia, a few meters from Blasco Ibáñez Campus and training centres Esic and Estema.

The quickest and most comfortable way to travel to Valencia is by airplane. The transfer from the airport Valencia to the school and to the lodgings is extremely easy and uncomplicated. You can either use the metro which goes directly from the airport building to a metro station which is near our Spanish school or you can also use our comfortable coach transfer which we offer exclusively for our students.

Data of Interest

ENTRY INTO SPAIN

For EU citizens, only a valid personal identity card is necessary.

If you need a visa, you will have to ask in any Spanish Embassy in your country for the actual conditions. We will provide you with a confirmation certificate after your registration.

If you come by car, an international licence is not necessary but it is recommended that you bring proof of insurance.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Please let your health insurance company inform you what paperwork will be required for you to use your insurance in Spain.

INTERNET

A computer room with free Internet access and WLAN is available to our students. In most students' flats there is also free Internet access available.

CLUB COSTA DE VALENCIA, SPANISH SCHOOL

Our students can take advantage of a number of discounts and free entrance vouchers to a variety of different bars, clubs and leisure centres, gyms, ...



Terms of contract

REGISTRATION AND RESERVATION

To register, simply fill out the registration form with all the necessary information.

Please also complete the enclosed Pre-Test, without the help of other people or books. This will give us a general idea, into which level you will be placed. A test will be completed on the first day of the course to assess the student's level of Spanish.

Reservations can be made over our home page, mail, phone or via fax, however, the registration becomes valid as soon as we receive the registration form and the down payment. A confirmation of registration for the chosen course(s), confirmation of housing reservations, a detailed bill, as well as further necessary information will be mailed.

REBOOKINGS AND CANCELLATIONS

Rebookings are only possible after contacting and receiving permission from the Institute. Should it become necessary to withdraw

from a course, the deposit will be fully refunded to those who cancel more than four weeks before the start of the course. However, it will be necessary to keep the deposit of those who withdraw fewer than four weeks before the beginning of the course, to cover the costs already incurred up to that point. We will, however, give you credit to be used toward another course, to be taken within a year of the cancelled class.

PRICES AND METHODS OF PAYMENT

All information about the prices and bank details can be found in the registration form or on our homepage. The deposit should be paid by cheque or via bank transfer. The remaining course and accommodation fees can be paid in cash or by cheque upon arrival in Valencia.

DISCOUNTS

We offer discounts for groups and to former students. The prices are also valid for the following year, when booked before December 31.



Questions?

If you have any questions or doubts please don't hesitate in contacting us by phone,
e-mail or fax.

Inquiries can be made in Spanish, English, German, French or Italian.



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