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*your spanish!*

# WELCOME TO *Spark Spanish!*

Spark Spanish is a passionate language school located in wonderful El Puerto de Santa Maria on south west coast of Andalusia. We operate: adult intensive courses, school group tours and summer camps (in 4 venues). Our team is young and dynamic but also experienced and we are committed to do our very best at every programme we run.

## Doug:

As the general manager of Spark I am responsible for keeping things ticking from behind the scenes. I have been involved in language education since I was 17 and in management since I was 22. My greatest objective is, and has always been, to bring out the best in their students. I believe that an educational institution must be passionate about what it does. My personal aim is to create a language learner environment where every single learner feels and knows the passion we at Spark have for their educational learning and development.

## Inge:

As the Director of Studies I am directly responsible for ensuring high quality classes that keep our students motivated and involved in their own learning process. I greatly believe in the personal and professional development of both our students and staff and I aim to provide everybody with a positive learning and teaching experience. Through this I hope that every Spark student develops the same passion that I personally and everybody at Spark, feels for language learning and teaching.

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# Our PROGRAM Options

## ADULT *intensives*

Spark Spanish intensive adult courses offer students the opportunity to study in an off the beaten track area of Spain in the hidden gem of El Puerto de Santa Maria. Our school is run with a family atmosphere, ensuring that personalization and friendly attention are very much at the forefront of our programmes.

Our cultural events programme allows students the opportunity to integrate with and get to know the local people and culture. We truly do our utmost to live up to our motto "student learning, our passion".

## SCHOOL *tours*

Spark Spanish offers special high-quality tours for school groups, with a variety of options and combinations available. Our main objectives are to tailor school trips to fit the exact requirements of the individuals involved, and to provide a truly memorable experience for both teachers/group leaders and students.

Thanks to the years of experience coordinating school trips to Spain and Summer Camp programmes, the Spark staff are completely accustomed to all necessary safety control measures, meaning we can guarantee a hassle-free and enjoyable experience for teachers and students alike.

## LANGUAGE HOLIDAYS *for adults*

Would you like to experience something unique and different for your next holiday? Our language holidays are the perfect balance between discovering something new and also with the sense of achievement of learning Spanish!

At "Spanish and Feria" you will experience one of the most exciting Feria's in Spain, the Feria del Vino Fino (Spring's fair). An incredible party atmosphere takes over the town for a week of fiesta with an explosion of colour, culture and tradition. If you fancy experiencing something different and exciting whilst learning Spanish, then our Spanish and Sport would be perfect for you!

## WORK *and study*

If you are looking for an affordable way to study Spanish in Spain, why not combine studying Spanish and working? This will be a great way to gain invaluable insights into working life and to build up your repertoire of skills.

Working in Spain also gives you the opportunity to experience living abroad and develop your Spanish language skills. All these factors contribute to personal and professional development and it looks great on your CV!

## SUMMER *camp*

Summer Camps are a fantastic opportunity for young learners (6-18 years old) to learn or improve a new language in a completely different environment that offers much more than just classes.

Our summer camps aim to provide our campers with lots of language input, sports, a complete and highly rated evening entertainment programme, weekend excursions, educational projects and many opportunities to make friends with other learners from all over the world. It further allows them to develop a positive attitude towards the new language through the fun and positive experience at the summer camp. We aim to create educational summer camps that go beyond language education but also focus on independence, social interaction and tidiness.

# EL PUERTO *de Santa María*

Located in stunning Cadiz province, El Puerto de Santa Maria is ideally situated for the perfect Spanish language holiday experience. Its close proximity to other major cities such as Seville, Malaga and Gibraltar makes day trips and travelling easy.

We know that language classes are only part of a course, and that there is much more to discover! The area is little known with international tourism but well known with domestic Spanish tourism making it a great place to learn Spanish as few foreigners live in the area and little English or German is known "study Spanish where the Spanish go on holiday".

## PUERTO, *a gem* FOR LEARNING SPANISH



El Puerto is renowned in Spain for its beaches, its gastronomy, its history and culture and is the home of famous Spanish poet Rafael Alberti. This area is also famous for the "corrida de toros" (Bullfighting),

Flamenco and Sevillanas dancing inspired by the blends of colourful rhythms in gypsy and north African music. El Puerto, with nearby Jerez and Sanlucar, is also one of the three makers of Spain's famous Sherry, with it being the home of the famous "Osborne" black billboard bull found alongside the roads throughout Spain.

If you wish to know more about El Puerto please don't hesitate to ask us via our contact page or visit our list of things to do in and around El Puerto and also check out how to get here which is cheap and easy from most destinations. Please also look at our videos of El Puerto de Santa Maria and our full information on the Spanish in El Puerto de Santa Maria courses that we offer. Also read what our past students have had to say on our El Puerto testimonial page and SparkSpanishfacebook page.

## *El Puerto for children*

Our Children's programmes are located in and around El Puerto de Santa Maria, all within easy reach of beautiful beaches and historic towns which Andalusia is so well-known for. The combination of the typically relaxed Spanish way of life, very few English speakers and Spark Spanish's central location makes the town an ideal location for Children's programmes and School Trips.

## 5 REASONS WHY *El Puerto* Is great for school groups

1 El Puerto has a superbly rich history. As well as being the home of high-quality Spanish sherry, it also has one of the biggest and oldest Bull Rings in Spain and is the site from where Columbus set sail. Click here to see videos of El Puerto.

2 El Puerto is a medium-sized town with plenty to do, neither too small to feel cramped, nor too big to seem overwhelming to kids and teachers alike.

3 The great climate and spectacular beaches mean that El Puerto is a great venue for any time of the year, but especially during the summer!

4 Our host families are all located close to the centre and most importantly to our school, saving school groups the hassle of arduous bus journeys or traffic delays.

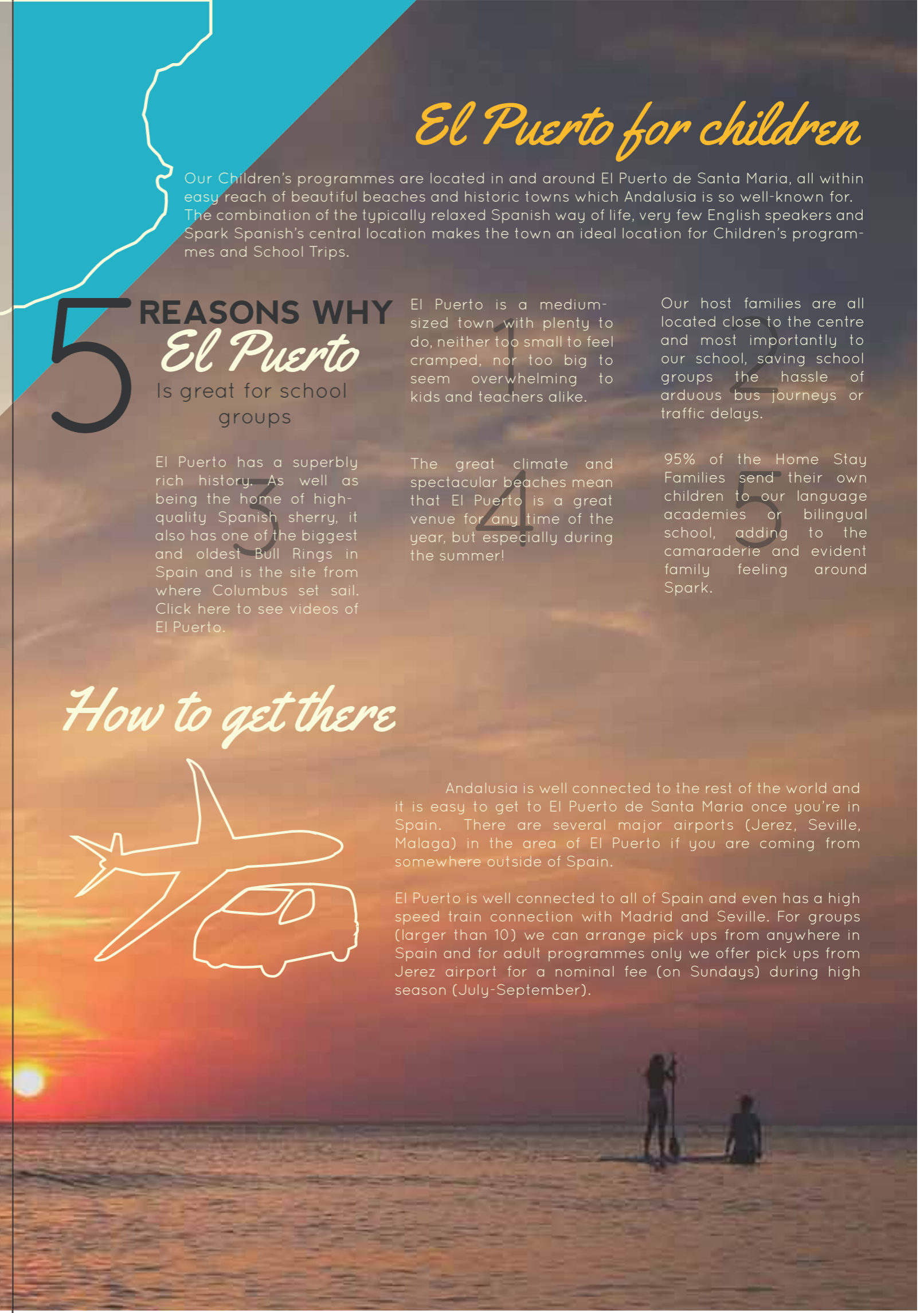
5 95% of the Home Stay Families send their own children to our language academies or bilingual school, adding to the camaraderie and evident family feeling around Spark.

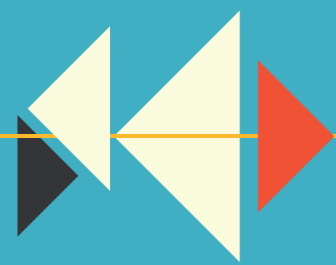
## *How to get there*



Andalusia is well connected to the rest of the world and it is easy to get to El Puerto de Santa Maria once you're in Spain. There are several major airports (Jerez, Seville, Malaga) in the area of El Puerto if you are coming from somewhere outside of Spain.

El Puerto is well connected to all of Spain and even has a high speed train connection with Madrid and Seville. For groups (larger than 10) we can arrange pick ups from anywhere in Spain and for adult programmes only we offer pick ups from Jerez airport for a nominal fee (on Sundays) during high season (July-September).





# ADULT *intensives*

## GENERAL

*The complete intensive group course providing excellent progression in all skill areas.*

This is available for a number of different language levels – A0/A1 (complete beginner) up to C1 (advanced). Classes are small with a maximum of 9 students, allowing for interactive but effective teaching. Students have 4 hours of Spanish lessons per day, starting at 10am and finishing for lunch at 2pm, with a 15 minute break halfway through from 12:00-12:15pm.

Spark also offers students a Cultural Activities programme during the afternoons, where they can sign up for a different cultural activity. Typical activities include visits to El Puerto's historic Castle, trips to nearby towns and Flamenco shows. This gives students the perfect mix of dynamic Spanish learning and the opportunity to experience the rich culture of Andalusia.

## INTENSIVE

*Quickest way to learn Spanish with excellent combination of group class with one to one.*

For those who wish to push themselves a little bit further in terms of their language learning, Spark also offers an Intensive Spanish Course. In addition to doing our General Spanish course as normal (20 hours of group Spanish classes per week, 10:00-14:00), the student will receive 4 hours of individual classes after the lunch break.

You will also be able to take part in the conversation class, improving conversation skills and gaining extra confidence when speaking Spanish, during an hour and a half. Passive learning is not an option in these classes as participation is a core aspect of our Spanish lessons. We want to give you sufficient opportunities and engaging activities to further enhance your Spanish language level. Each day includes 1 hour of conversation topics including things like role plays, speaking activities, organised debates and discussion groups.

## DELE

DELE stands for 'Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera', or "Spanish as a Foreign Language Diploma". Internationally recognised by the Spanish Ministry of Education as the only certificate for non-native speakers of Spanish, it is of great benefit and can act as a personal goal to achieve an official diploma. Because of practicality, most students take the DELE exam in Spain, although it is also possible to take the test outside of Spain.

You can follow the DELE Preparation Courses for the six different DELE levels. All exams include questions on grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, speaking and listening. The official examination prices are set by the Instituto Cervantes; these are yet to be confirmed for 2015, but more information can be found via their website.

## ACCOMODATION *options*

At Spark we believe your learning experience with us should be comfortable and convenient. Anybody thinking of coming to learn Spanish at Spark and in the beautiful town of El Puerto de Santa Maria can choose from a range of accommodation options. Each of our options offers absolute comfort and aims to provide a high level of satisfaction while taking a Spanish immersion course with us.

### Sparkville



Our residential area is on the second floor of the Spark Spanish Academy Complex and this is the recommended accommodation option if you want to further enhance your Spanish skills, feel part of and socialise with the other course members and at the same time have your own independence.

There are 13 rooms (for 1-2 people), nearly all of them ensuite. Sparkville has a communal kitchen and dining area which acts as a great social gathering point that adds to the unique Sparkville atmosphere. There are also numerous chill out/social areas, such as the Plaza de las Américas (a little 'outdoor' space, with a tv and glass roof to protect you from rain or sun) and a big roof terrace which is ideal for barbecues sunbathing and evening drinks.

The residence has minimum 1, but usually there are 2 or 3, social events coordinators. The social events coordinator runs many of the cultural events such as mini excursions, tapas nights, salsa nights or general gatherings on site.

### *other options*

## HOMESTAY

We will find you a host family that you can stay with for the duration of your Spanish course. This is obviously the best way to make sure you practice your newly acquired language skills as much as possible as these families usually don't speak English. All the host families we are in contact with live very close to Spark and are in very good central locations so there is no need to worry about getting around.

## APARTMENT

If you opt to stay in a flat on your own, with friends or a partner, we can aid you in your search for a suitable flat. Depending on your requirements and interests this could be anything from a studio in the centre to a small rented house outside the centre. We can help you find an apartment right in the centre of El Puerto de Santa Maria, or a lovely flat overlooking the stunning beaches that are here.

## HOTEL

If you are wanting a more luxurious and laid back choice of accommodation, we can help you find the perfect hotel for your stay here in El Puerto de Santa Maria. There are many different hotels and hostels suited to many different people that are located right in the centre, or a little further out of town.

## CAMPSITE

El Puerto de Santa Maria has kilometers after kilometers of amazing beaches that have been made just for watching sunsets and falling asleep under the stars. If this is your ideal, then you can spend your stay in El Puerto at a campsite. You can either camp in a tent or in a makeshift bungalow, and what makes it even better is that it's only a 10 minute walk away from Spark!

# CULTURAL *Event* PROGRAM

At Spark we believe that learning a language is more than going to class in the morning. Learning a language is also a personal experience, an opportunity to meet other people, a chance to immerse yourself in a different culture, a time for personal development and much more.

WE PUT A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON OUR SOCIAL EVENTS PROGRAMME, AS WE THOROUGHLY BELIEVE THAT THIS PLAYS A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN MAKING YOUR SPARK EXPERIENCE NOT JUST A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE, BUT ONE YOU WILL NEVER ACTUALLY FORGET.

In our Social Events Programme we combine various activities to allow our students to make the most of their time here, by combining cultural activities, such as sherry or wine tasting, horse riding shows and days to explore El Puerto, with nature days, where you visit beautiful beaches or go for a hike in the mountains, and city trips, to Sevilla, Marrakesh or Granada, to name just a few.

*The support from Spark is  
always prompt and helpful.*  
MAIR FORDE

Our innovative "*Español en Acción*" programme teaches students Spanish language to use in a cultural event then set challenges that must be achieved through that event and our friendly rule of **Spanish only** means the amount of Spanish used is incredible.

We also have a new programme called "*Descubre España*," where you literally get to 'Discover Spain'! With this, we will show you parts of Spain that you didn't even know existed in Cadiz Province and allows you to discover something different whilst you're here. In these unique places, we have found fabulous restaurants and spots to enjoy spectacular Andalusian sunsets.

*Qué familia Linda !*  
ANNEMIEK FONTEIN

Our Social Events Coordinator is a special person who is in charge of organizing and leading these activities and they will also encourage you to speak as much Spanish as possible on these events. The Social Events Programme is organised for all our students with a lot of enthusiasm and eye for detail.

Below is an example social cultural week programme. Please note that special events programmes will exist around major cultural events times, like Feria and Carnival, to maximize the student participation in these magnificent events.

## EVENING ACTIVITIES

## LANGUAGE RULE

*Sunday  
arrival*

Arrival of new students

Anything goes as this is setting in time for new students

*Monday*

Welcome drinks on Spark

Anything goes as this is setting in time for new students

*Tuesday*

Descubre España!

Practice with Spanish locals.

*Wednesday*

Clase de cocina! Cooking class!

Total Spanish but quite relaxed.

*Thursday*

Español en Acción

Total TOTAL Spanish or you'll let down your team.

*Friday*

Bodega Crawl

Spanish rules.



# OTHER ADULT *programs*

## WORK and *study*

At Spark we offer 3 possible opportunities to combine learning Spanish with an unforgettable working experience:



**The Work Experience** option is the ideal way to combine gaining valuable time in the workplace while improving your Spanish. Opportunities include translation of our website, showcasing artistic and creative abilities, or gaining Marketing or IT experience! In addition to receiving free accommodation at our Sparkville residence, students can also enjoy the format of our General Spanish Course, with weekly social events on our Cultural Activities programme.

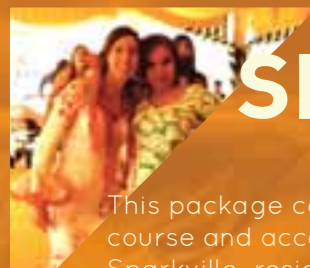
**Demi-pair:** Being a Demi-Pair is a great way of learning Spanish and enjoying a less intensive Au Pair experience. Demi-Pairs would be expected to work 4 hours a day, 5 days a week, having Spanish lessons at Spark in the morning and then looking after the children in the afternoon, while having all accommodation and meals for free.

**Au-pair:** If you would like to become an Au Pair and learn Spanish in El Puerto de Santa Maria then ask Spark to help you and allow us to take you through the process and guide you on your way to a fantastic learning experience! Spark would set up the aupair placement provide you with a welcoming, local family and of course providing support throughout the aupair placement. Also if you wanted you could take with us a Spanish Course for Aupairs for 2 or 4 hours a day, Monday to Friday.

## LANGUAGE *holidays*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING UNIQUE AND DIFFERENT FOR YOUR NEXT HOLIDAY?

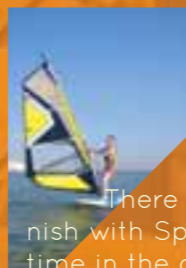
OUR LANGUAGE HOLIDAYS ARE THE PERFECT BALANCE BETWEEN DISCOVERING SOMETHING NEW AND ALSO WITH THE SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT OF LEARNING SPANISH



## SPANISH *and feria*

This package comprises our General Spanish course and accommodation in our homely Sparkville residence. At the end of April or during May, El Puerto hosts one of the most exciting Ferias in Spain, the Feria del Vino Fino (Spring fair).

There is always an amazing line-up of events, including musicians, dancing horses and Sherry tasting. It also offers the chance to learn and practice the wonderful Sevillana dances, with 2 classes taught by a local expert and a trip to an authentic Flamenco shop to buy your very own Flamenco outfit for the Feria!



## SPANISH *and sport*

There are many exciting ways of learning Spanish with Spark, and they don't all involve spending time in the classroom. We have many sporting activities that you can combine with your Spanish course.

Our Spanish and Sport course allows you to do just that. We offer a mixture of sports; from water sports such as windsurfing to paddle surf, as well as the opportunity to go horse riding at sunset along one of El Puerto de Santa Maria's prettiest beaches, all alongside our fun-packed 2 week General Spanish Course!

## OVER *50's*



*Take part in some fascinating social and cultural activities and study Spanish!*

EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA IS A MARVELLOUS PLACE FOR THE OVER 50S TO STUDY SPANISH AND EXPLORE SPAIN.

El Puerto is an authentic Spanish coastal town where normal Spanish life has been little corrupted by the impact of international tourism. It is the perfect place to feel safe and secure whilst experiencing wonderful Spanish cultural and day to day life. The locals are incredibly welcoming and the Cadiz area is a hidden gem just waiting to be discovered.

Our over 50s course has been adapted to best suit the learning, cultural and social needs of the over 50s. The classes start earlier and are slightly shorter classes: 9-12 (with 15 minute break). The cultural activity programme, is packed full of interesting activities with emphasis on discovering and exploring the local area and bonding together as a group. Each over 50s course has a special chaperone who accompanies group and acts not only as a guide on the trips but also Spanish teacher and friend.

Two weeks program will include a **'Wellbeing Course'** (with activities such as yoga, massages, and visiting the Roman Baths in Jerez) and **'Discover Authentic Spain'** (with historical and cultural visits to some of El Puerto and Andalusia's most-loved sites).

## FAMILY *program*



This package offers families the opportunity to have a wonderful Spanish language learning holiday together at Spark. The parents follow our Adult General Spanish Course at Spark Spanish, whilst the kids attend our fantastic International Summer Camp, both in wonderful El Puerto de Santa Maria. The programme is both educational for children and parents alike, but also flexible due to the 2 different options available for families, which are as follows:

### *Day Camper Full*

Children will be at TECS from 09.15 to 20.00, and will be provided with lots of language input, sports and a complete entertainment programme.

### *Day Camper Half*

Both the children and parents will have classes from 09.15 - 14.15, after which parents can pick-up your son/daughter and enjoy free time.

*Come together and learn Spanish!*

## EXECUTIVE *spanish*

If you are a business owner and looking for Spanish Courses for employees or someone who just needs to know Spanish for business purposes, sign up to our Business Spanish Online Course and enjoy our specialised lessons. We have highly qualified Business Spanish teachers who will provide excellent and informative classes straight to your desk!

# SCHOOL groups

At Spark we believe that every child has it in them to learn a language and for this reason we are wholeheartedly committed to making language learning rewarding and enjoyable. We know each child is unique and special and we believe it is our duty to give our groups memories that will last for a lifetime.

All our team are past or current teachers and for this reason we find it easy to empathise with the challenges of a group leader and/or Head Teacher organising a school programme. We seek to give our maximum support to organisers throughout the process of planning and preparation and once the group is here, one of our foremost goals is to give teachers and group leaders the most hassle-free experience possible. This is because we truly believe it is important they take advantage of the unique opportunity to bond with their students without the stress and strains of everyday worries on their shoulders.

## Safety and well being is our priority

During your time with us, each group will have their own Spark chaperone and a 24 hour contact emergency mobile number in case of any problems.

## A worry-free trip for everyone

Being one of the biggest language camps providers in Southern Spain we are well accustomed with all the appropriate risk and safety control measures needed to provide security and peace of mind.

## Experienced and loving families

We have strong links with our host families, with most being part of one of our English Academies or our sister company's bilingual school for the last 10 years.

## We care for the small details

Each and every trip begins and ends with our famous Spark group hug to prove that we are all part of one big Spark family. You will find this is just one of the many details that make us special at what we do.

# Accommodation

We offer three possible accommodation options for school groups coming to Spark, all of these possibilities will provide a high level of satisfaction while enjoying your school group trip. Each type of accommodation is free for 1 teacher per 10 students and includes full board: breakfast, (packed) lunch and dinner!

## Spark residence

There are 13 rooms in our Sparkville Residence which is on the second floor of the Academy Complex, which can be shared with students from the same group.

## Hotels and Hostels

If you are wanting a more luxurious stay, we are in contact with very suitable local hotels and hostels and can help you find the perfect hotel for your stay here in El Puerto de Santa Maria.

## Homestay

We will find a welcoming local homestay family with a double room, which will be shared with another student from the same group (it is also possible to get individual rooms for an additional price), usually the bathroom facilities are shared with other members of the family.

All hosting families we are in contact with would have a child of approximately the same age as the student(s) being hosted and live very close to Spark so there is no need to worry about getting around.

## EXCURSIONS and activities

Want to know Andalucía in more deep? Sevilla, Jerez or Cádiz are waiting for you. You can get to know the unique Gibraltar, do some amazing Spanish nature excursions or have an exciting experience in "Isla Mágica" fun park in Seville.

There are also plenty activities to do, like a Tour of El Puerto, an Afternoon of activities in El Puerto, such as Flamenco classes with flamenco teachers, padel tennis classes or Art and Crafts workshop followed by visit to the beach. You can also have a sailing afternoon, or in a "Supercool" program of watersports activities including catamarán sailing, wind surfing, kayaking or paddle surfing. Spanish cooking, "Via verde" cycling... the options are endless!

# Children

## PROGRAM OPTIONS

We never like to limit the age of our learners, which is why we have a wide range of opportunities for children to learn and discover Spanish as well as adults. All programmes have been created to allow the children to experience something they would never normally be able to experience.

### SUMMER Camps

We operate 6 themed summer camps in 4 different venues, 1 for Spanish learners and 5 for English. These summer camps offer the opportunity to learn Spanish or English in full immersion environments. Each camp has its own learning style and different environment.

### INTERNATIONAL Camp

Located in wonderful El Puerto de Santa Maria on coast this camp is the ultimate camp experience for learners of Spanish offering the wonderful opportunity to learn Spanish with children from all round the world. International Camp takes place in the same venue as our Family and Go Camps, offering a great opportunity to have real context for the language usage.

In international camp you can follow a residential camp programme mixing learning Spanish with sports, activities and evening entertainments. Alternatively you can live with a Spanish family and attend the camp for class and sports activities but spend evenings with the Spanish family.



### English Camps



**FAMILY CAMP**  
GREDO

This camp is in a country resort near to Madrid with all the facilities for enjoying the nature, adventure and comfort!



**LITTLE VILLAGE**

This is the most intensive program: 100% English, no books, no classrooms and no grammar; only conversation and practice.



**MAGIC VILLAGE**

This camp is especially focused on practicing fluency through educational and cultural projects.



**FAMILY CAMP/GO CAMP**

Family Camp and Go Camp take place in the same venue as international camp meaning you have a great opportunity to practice English in real context.

## Spanish FOR TEENAGERS

20 hours Spanish Plus the Cultural Experience. Are you learning Spanish at school and would like to give it an extra boost? Or have you always wanted to learn Spanish but have never got the chance? We have a variety of programmes specially made for teenagers during the summer holiday months in the sunny El Puerto de Santa Maria. We have combined our General Spanish course with a variety of accommodation options to suit you.



## SCHOOL YEAR in Spain

### STUDY IN A SPANISH SCHOOL AND LIVE WITH A SPANISH FAMILY!

At Spark we like to offer a range of courses for all ages and in all scenarios. We are now offering individual students a chance to come to Spain and study in a Spanish school for a year or a trimester of your choice! This will be an experience of a lifetime. Not only will you be able to study and improve your Spanish, but you will also get to live and experience the amazing Spanish culture here in Andalusia!



We have two options of schooling that you can choose from. The first is to study in a public school here in El Puerto de Santa Maria, or the second choice is a private school; El Centro de Inglés, a bilingual school that is part of our educational group. Before you are due to start school, included in the price is a 2 week Spanish course at our language school, Spark, where you will be taught general and useful language skills that are necessary when studying in Spain!

### A LEVEL revision course

Boost your Spanish Grades Are you currently studying for your Spanish AS/A2-Level exams or are you wanting to boost your Spanish grades in your upcoming exams? Then our A-level Revision Course is just the course you are looking for!

### All summer camps include:

ALL MEALS DURING CAMP

Lodging: in cabins, residence, campsite or rural hotel depending on camp.

**24 HOURS SUPERVISION.** *Intercamp Competition*

A staff ratio varying from 1 staff to 3 campers to a max 1 to 6 campers depending on camp.

Qualified language teachers.

ONE OFFSITE EXCURSION.

Unique methodologies, including TOTAL English (only camp of its that guarantees 100% English), Full Immersion Spanish and English.

Office support line throughout campers stay. 24 Emergency contact number throughout. **CAMP T-SHIRTS AND BAGS.** *level testing and analysis through* **LAUNDRY SERVICE**



# Why SPARK?

*We care about what we do, we care about our students and we care about our programmes.*

We have a passion for what we do and we believe in a personalised approach to make a difference to your learning, but most importantly to make your overall experience with us the best possible. We strive to create a friendly environment, with a dedicated, professional and talented team who are always at your disposal to meet your educational, personal and cultural needs. We highly value feedback and opinions in order to adapt, add and improve our services to ensure you have the perfect balance of language learning, cultural exposure and social interaction.

*We combine our solid foundations with our passion for innovation.*

Our experience in language education through our partnership with TECS and El Centro Inglés gives us solid foundations and provides us with the high standards we want to achieve in education. Added to that is our passion and sense of innovation which means that we never sit still but are always seeking new ways to do things to put Spark at the forefront of Spanish educational programmes. Spark combines the benefits of a bigger organization through our relationship with TECS (which means experience) with the advantages of a small organization (resulting in personalization)

*We strive to be honest and sincere about all sides of your language learning experience.*

We believe that you should get exactly what we say you will get. Like any school, we have our own challenges to overcome to deliver the best bright SPARK Spanish experience possible. In our student material you will find that we have thought out the product we deliver and we know how to work round issues. We believe this honest and sincere approach is one that delivers the best language experience possible, one which aims to do our best for you rather than superficially claims to be the best.

*El Puerto de Santa María: a gem for learning Spanish.*

El Puerto offers an excellent combination of factors for language learners: it has five fabulous beaches, many lively bars and restaurants and it is (with Jerez and Sanlúcar) one of the three hometowns of Sherry, it has many cultural sites and festivals and it is famous for Spanish tourism. Most importantly, unlike the nearby cities (Seville, Cadiz, Malaga), it is little affected by the influx of English speaking tourism, meaning that it is a great place to learn Spanish without being too affected by the negative influence of the English language on your language experience.

*Grow with us*

Having lived in El Puerto myself I can definitely say it presents as a great place to learn Spanish and experience Spanish culture. You can immerse yourself as much as you want to and whilst there are a few English speakers around to make you feel comfortable, fortunately they most definitely haven't taken over

**Tim Haines (UK)**

I have never seen such passionate and hard working people in my life. Nowhere else will you see people work late into the night after everyone else is asleep, just to make sure everything is perfect for the next day!

**Patrick Alvarez (Ireland)**

**A TEAM THAT  
delivers**

**TAN  
AND  
FUN**

Beach, culture, food and friends under the shining Spanish sun! Best experience ever. *Martina Maldini (Italy)*

**EXPERIENCE  
WITH FRESH  
innovation!**

**Everything  
and  
Everyone  
matters**