



# LEARN SPANISH IN COLOMBIA



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WEEKLY  
ACTIVITIES  
AND FUN

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spanish school  
MORE THAN A LANGUAGE COURSE!



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Do you want to study Spanish in Colombia's most popular cities? Centro Catalina is the language school for you! Whether you choose Cartagena de Indias or Medellín (or both!), you will learn to speak Spanish and enjoy the unique opportunity to live in the best cities Colombia has to offer, with an unrivalled cultural scene and gastronomy. Immerse yourself in the fascinating Colombian culture and language through interesting classes and activities, and discover the best way to learn Spanish!

### OUR SCHOOL IN CARTAGENA DE INDIAS



Our school in Cartagena is situated in the heart of the old town, just one block away from the well-known Fernández de Madrid Square and the famous Sofitel Santa Clara Hotel. We are located in one of the most secure parts of the old city center.



**projectors, audio material, TV, and DVD players.** We also have a patio and a coffee shop where students can take a break while enjoying a good Colombian coffee.

Our Spanish school is housed in a colonial building and offers all the necessary facilities for the organization of the classes: **Free WiFi, air conditioning (AC), a small library, video**

Our team is young, dynamic, and passionate about the language and culture. This has enabled us to create a **unique and familiar atmosphere** and a constant exchange between teachers and students.

### OUR SCHOOL IN MEDELLIN



Our school in Medellín is located in the renowned and very nice neighbourhood El Poblado, just 5 minutes walk from Parque Lleras and Poblado Park. We are located on a quiet street, which allows to be calm and concentrated when studying, surrounded by beautiful green areas and parks. At the same time, just two blocks away, you will be in Poblado Avenue, close to the best restaurants, hotels, bars and points of interest of the city.



**typical house, about 720 square meters, 6 classrooms, a courtyard, an outdoor garden** where we can meet, do BBQ, and have good time together. We also have a library of free use and free WiFi access. The back of the house is suitable for our **students' residence, an excellent option to stay**, to be with the other students and remain in the best area of the city.

Centro Catalina Medellín is located in a **beautiful**

Our cafeteria offers the best coffee of the region, tropical juices of all kinds and delicious snacks to accompany your drink.

## GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION



Our Spanish courses are a dynamic, multicultural mix of students of all ages from all over the world, including Australia, Brazil, United States, Canada, Holland, Switzerland, Germany, etc. Although the majority of our students are young adults, aged between 18- 35, we believe it's never too late to start learning Spanish, and mature students are more than welcome to join us.

Class sizes are small, with an average of 5-6 students per classroom (maximum 8), thus maximising the learning potential of every 50 minute class. Each course is divided into six different levels, from beginners (A1) to advanced (C2).

Students can also opt to take private afternoon classes, where the professor will curate a personalised program that focuses on what you need to improve on. Private classes also give students the opportunity to focus on specific issues, such as business or medical Spanish.

### Entry Level Test

Before classes begin, all prospective students complete a short 20-30 minute written and oral level test that helps us assign students to the best course and program that matches their abilities.

### Language Proficiency Certificate and Report

At the end of the course, students will receive a language proficiency certificate issued by the school, as well as a personalised report outlining the course's aims and student's future objectives, encouraging students to keep track of progress and continue learning after their time at the school.

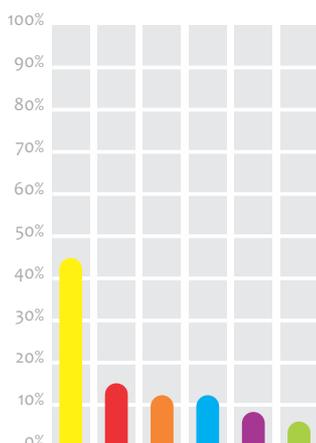


## FREE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES – ORGANIZED BY CENTRO CATALINA



Every week, our dedicated team organises 3 afternoon cultural/recreational activities to help make your stay in Colombia an unforgettable experience. We vary our social program from week to week, but here are just some examples of what you can look forward to when you study with us:

- **Dance lessons** • **Movie nights** • **Bike city tour**
- **Cultural exchanges** • **Visits to museums, etc.**



## ACCOMMODATION

Centro Catalina also organizes the accommodation for its students. We propose different options (home stay, hotel/hostel, students' residence, apartment). We take care to choose very good standard of quality for the accommodation we offer.

## THAT'S WHAT OUR STUDENTS CHOOSE:

- 43%** Home stay
- 12%** Hotels
- 16%** Students' residence
- 9%** Private apartment
- 12%** Shared apartment
- 6%** No accommodation

## ABOUT CENTRO CATALINA

Centro Catalina is the only language school located in the heart of the beautiful old part of Cartagena, and one of the few language schools in Medellín's Poblado district. Both schools welcome you in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere and offer exactly the same curriculum, so you can split your course between both cities.

We offer a wide range of Spanish language courses and accommodations catering for all levels and tastes. Our staff and teachers are committed to provide an individual attention to each student for an optimized Spanish learning experience.

You will continue to learn Spanish outside of the classroom, discover the city and make new friends with three weekly activities included in our program packages. ¡Bienvenidos!



### WHO WE ARE

*The founders of Centro Catalina are Swiss-Colombian nationals wishing to promote language exchange in Colombia.*

Impressed with the riches and beauty of Colombia, they decided to open a Spanish school in the most beautiful cities of Colombia to promote language exchange in this wonderful country, which is still badly known.

The founders are graduates in foreign languages from the University of Geneva. They are seriously committed to offer high quality teaching with the best study methods and materials for ELE (Español como Lengua Extranjera).

### THE TEAM

*Our Spanish teachers are all from Colombia and very dynamic, motivated, and professional.*

The Centro Catalina team is well prepared to offer students a high quality service and Spanish educational program. The teachers are very qualified, motivated, and experienced, but also passionate. They work every day to transmit their love for Spanish language as well as Colombian culture.

There are often meetings between founders and teachers to share experiences and optimize our methodology. This way we offer our students the maximum of our knowledge during classes.

**SWISS QUALITY + COLOMBIAN PASSION**

## ACCREDITATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



*First Colombian school accredited by IALC*



## OUR STUDENTS' TESTIMONIALS



**Tia Hardy Robinson**  
Germany

"I'm a language school owner, teacher trainer and language teacher myself in Germany and have extremely high expectations of what makes a language school good, and what effective language teaching should be like. I was completely satisfied with Centro Catalina's teachers, staff and facilities.

I had two teachers for my private lessons, who clearly love Spanish and teaching. They were able to answer all my very many questions with great examples. They also adapted the class to my specific needs (getting around in Cartagena, shopping, ordering in restaurants, etc.). Personally, they were warm and friendly and made the time fly by. I would be very happy to have such teachers on my team back home. The office staff was also incredibly friendly and helpful, greeted me by name and helped me in English when I got stuck in Spanish.

The rooms are air conditioned with nice whiteboards, and there were lots of free daily activities like dance classes, food tasting, movies, tours, etc. They also work with a local travel agency to arrange trips to nearby sights.

*I would highly recommend Centro Catalina on both a professional and personal level!"*



**Brett Ziter**  
Canada

"I spent one of the greatest times of my life with Centro Catalina Spanish School. I arrived in Cartagena without a word of Spanish. I enrolled in a two-week course and ended up staying more than two months! Everything about the school is fantastic, from its location and amenities to its classes and excursions. And most of all, its people. Everything they do is professional, well planned, and done with genuine love for their students. I probably can't say this about anywhere else. Also, Cartagena has to be one of the most enchanting cities in the world. I honestly could not have learned Spanish as efficiently, effectively, or while having so much fun, without Centro Catalina. Highly, highly recommended, and I'd be happy to answer any questions personally."



**Frances Godfrey**  
England

"Centro Catalina is a great place to study! They really take into account their students' varying ability levels, and were extremely accommodating and flexible in terms of course content. This is in keeping with the informal and friendly atmosphere in the school; the teachers and staff really make the effort to mingle with the students and it feels as if they have a genuine interest in making each student's experience special, something which is all the more noticeable on the social program. The premises themselves are great, very central and with a gorgeous sun-trap courtyard. Highly recommend it!"



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