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# WE ARE THE EXPERTS

Welcome to our **Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP)** in Valencia province!



The Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP) is our hands-on alternative to Spanish Intensive Courses. Live and breathe the Spanish way of life and immerse yourself in Spanish culture.

This programme is offering you the truly unique opportunity to LIVE and LEARN SPANISH in your TEACHER'S HOME in MURCIA PROVINCE!

# ABOUT YOUR HOST TEACHER IN MURCIA

As a language teacher, I have learned to make the most of my time, and to use the **right tools** for each learning stage and the **right techniques** for each student, because not all students are the same.

In my personal experience, the Immersion Course is an extraordinary tool, especially to **gain fluency** in the target language and **tackle the lack of confidence** that we feel at times.

This type of experience helps a lot to **overcome all the obstacles** of learning a new language.

### Likes and passions:

- Psychology
- Personal development
- Cultures and countries
- Art, cinema and sports
- Health, food and the environment

I would love to be your **"journey partner"** teaching you Spanish language and Spanish culture in situ.

Undoubtedly, this is the **best way to learn to SPEAK SPANISH**.

¡HASTA PRONTO!

**PILAR** 



"I try to share my own hobbies with my students if they are willing to have new experiences in a beautiful city like Valencia".



## What is the Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP) about?

The **Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP)** is one of the most enjoyable methods to learn and improve your Spanish by studying abroad for an intensive period of time. By enrolling in one of our **Spanish homestay immersion programmes**, you will go to some of the most **exciting destinations in Spain (Barcelona, Valencia, Burgos and Cádiz amongst others)** and **live and study Spanish in one of our host teacher's home**, where you will mingle with their friends and family.

**Programme lengths can vary**. You can arrange a rigorous one or two-week Spanish homestay immersion programme or even stay longer.

Our **Spanish homestay immersion programmes** are ideal because they are **bespoke**, **authentic**, **thrilling** and **customizable**.

## Who is the Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP) for?

The **Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP)** is open to anyone! Our students typically range **from being in their 20s to their 70s** and come from various backgrounds and different levels, including **university students** wanting to get ready for their first job in an international company, **adolescents** hoping to improve their Spanish language solely for self-improvement and higher confidence in communication skills, **retirees** with a passion for anything Spanish, small **groups of friends** with similar interests, **families** seeking an educational vacation, and **business executives** looking to improve teamwork.

## Which Spanish destinations can you choose from?

There are **several regions in Spain** where our **Spanish homestay immersion programmes** are offered. You can choose from **Barcelona, Valencia, Burgos** and **Cádiz** amongst others. Every time we open a new location, we make sure it can provide you with the best travel and holiday opportunities as well as **a place to learn or improve your Spanish.** Keep in mind that this is also **your chance to go to and see wonderful destinations!** In order to provide a wide selection of locations in Spain for immersion homestays, we continually increase our network of host teachers.

## Can't find your destination on our network?

At Spanish Express we recognise that every person has distinctive tastes, and as a result, we work to provide programmes that are catered to all types of people with various interests. We can work out a custom plan for you in any Spanish speaking country or region that will help you not only learn the Spanish language, but also gain an understanding of other Spanish-speaking cultures.



## Who are the host teachers of the Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP)?

Our **certified Spanish instructors** are **native Spanish speakers** with many years of experience teaching Spanish to **students from all over the world**. Teachers create a **bespoke programme** based on the initial language level test and personal consultation taken with the host teacher in one online session prior to the arrival to the chosen destination in Spain.

Moreover, most of our certified teachers are also **official examiners** for the following **UK exam boards:** AQA, Pearson Edexcel, OCR and WJEC.

In addition, most of our certified teachers are official examiners for the Spanish certifications DELE and SIELE.

## Would you like to prepare and/or take an official exam while participating in the Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP)?

You can prepare for the **Spanish GCSE, IGCSE or A level** exam with us for the following UK exam boards: **AQA, Pearson Edexcel, OCR and WJEC.** You can also take your exam with us!

**Spanish Express** is a branch of **David Game College**. David Game College has been a recognised examination centre since 1974.

You can also prepare with us for the following official Spanish qualifications:

- The Diploma of Spanish as a Foreign Language (DELE)
- The International Spanish Language Evaluation Service (SIELE)

## Is Spanish Express an accredited centre for Spanish official exams?

Yes, Spanish Express is one of the seven accredited Spanish SIELE Exam Centres in the UK, and we can also organise remote exams for SIELE from Spain as long as you are enrolled in any of our courses or immersion programmes.

For the **DELE exam** you need to go to the **DELE Exam Centre**. We can help you with the enrolment once you have finished the exam preparation course with us.







## What are the benefits of our Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP) \* Live & Study Spanish in your teacher's home\*?

Living and studying a language in your teacher's home can offer a number of benefits, including:

- 1. **Immersion:** Living with your teacher provides an immersive experience, allowing you to be constantly surrounded by the language and culture you are studying. This can accelerate your learning and help you to develop natural speaking and listening skills.
- 2. **Personalized learning:** Living with your teacher allows for personalized and tailored instruction. Your teacher can focus on your individual needs and work with you to improve your weaknesses.
- 3. **Cultural experience:** Living with your teacher provides a unique opportunity to experience the culture firsthand. You can learn about customs, traditions, and ways of life that are not easily learned in a classroom.
- 4. **Practice outside of class:** Living with your teacher provides ample opportunity to practice the language outside of class time. This can include informal conversations at meal times or while doing activities together.
- 5. **Convenience:** Living with your teacher eliminates the need for commuting to and from classes, allowing you to spend more time studying and practicing the language.

Overall, living and studying a language in your teacher's home can be a highly effective way to learn a language, as it offers an immersive and personalized learning experience, as well as a unique cultural experience.

Our Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP)
\*Live & Study Spanish in your teacher's home\*
it's more than just a peek through a window. It's discovering a new life, a new you!



## **YOUR STAY**

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

The **18+ programme accommodates up to 6 people**. Unless they are on a 2:1 programme, in which case a twin and/or a double room are shared, students have their own private bedroom.

It's important to make sure that the accommodation meets the needs of our guests and that everyone is comfortable. If there are any specific requirements or preferences, it's a good idea to discuss them with us to see if they can be accommodated.

We must be told ahead of time if there are any special dietary requirements.

#### The following items are included in the programme:

- Private/shared guest room
- Private/shared guest bathroom
- Breakfast, a snack/packed lunch, and a prepared evening meal are included with full board (only meals at home)
- Bedding and towels are provided
- Dietary restrictions (see supplements)
- Toiletries
- Wi-Fi & TV

#### **EXCURSIONS**

The **SHIP** has a large array of **excursions and exciting activities** available within each programme. During the **online session before arrival**, teachers will talk with students about their interests.

Teachers are then able to incorporate this into the students' bespoke personalised schedule, which is organised and approved by the students before they arrive.

In addition to the excursions included in the programme they choose, students can request additional excursions, either alone or with their host teacher (extra fees apply).

## YOUR ACCOMMODATION

## The house features:

- Three bedrooms: 1 double, 2 twin
- We accommodate up to 6 people
- Kitchen with all new appliances where you will cook some Spanish recipes with your host teacher
- Bathroom with clean towels, bath gel, shampoo and hairdryer
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Wi-Fi





Your Spanish home is an apartment with wonderful views of the Mediterranean Sea and the Mar Menor from the cute terrace.

Located in a residential area called Veneziola.

The residential area has a community pool and green spaces next to the sea.



## PHOTOS OF YOUR HOST TEACHER'S HOME...









## GILET & SURROUNDINGS



## Blending learning with culture

Our SHIP will take you on a journey to discover...

## Murcia: La Manga del Mar Menor



La Manga del Mar Menor, nestled in the Murcia region of southeastern Spain, is renowned for its stunning beaches and lively ambiance.

The region of Murcia, known for its wealth of cultural heritage and natural beauty, provides the backdrop for a memorable Mediterranean experience in La Manga.

## Spanish gastronomy

The gastronomy of La Manga del Mar Menor is varied and exquisite based on Mediterranean cuisine.

"Caldero" is without a doubt the most famous dish of the Mar Menor, was born in La Manga, where the fishermen of the area invented this tasty soupy rice cooked with fish.

You cannot lose this amazing dish of Spanish culture!

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## TOP PLACES TO VISIT



## Spanish art & history



- Visit the Cathedral de Santa María in Murcia
- Tour around the Historic centre of Murcia
- Stroll in Jardín de Floridablanca Park



- Explore the historic city center of Cartagena
- Enjoy a day trip to the nearby beaches
- Visit the port of Cartagena





- Visit San Juan Church in Lorca
- Lorca Castle
- Archaeological Museum of Lorca

## PICTURES FROM PREVIOUS TRIPS











## STUDENTS' TESTIMONIALS

### **HEAR WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY...**

## THILA (Malaysia)



The course was very good and well planned. The **lessons** were well taught, very comprehensive and easily understood.

Always very **happy** to come to my lesson because it is a very happy atmosphere. The teachers, **Mónica** and **Pilar**, have an excellent approach and made our lessons **enjoyable**, easy to understand and made us feel special.

I highly recommend taking this opportunity to have this experience.

I have been learning with Spanish Express for 18 months now. I had **no prior knowledge of the languag**e but now I know I would be able to go to Spain, find my way around and have everyday conversations with people.

I have learned in a group situation and individually and enjoyed both. Our group trip to Murcia was my highlight of last summer.

Pilar is a very patient teacher and explains the use of the language very well. **Spanish Express has been a great learning experience**.

## RENÉE (United Kingdom)



## **ADELINA**

(Rumania)



Overall, this was a **great way to experience Spanish culture** and to practise my Spanish. The trip was **packed full of activities and places to visit** and the trip itinerary was pre-planned and run by the teacher which allowed me to fully enjoy the experience stress-free.

Interacting with the locals in Spanish and being fully immersed in the culture for a week enabled me to speak Spanish confidently, which helped me make substantial progress in mastering the language.

## **PRICES**

## PRICE PER WEEK PER PERSON FROM \*(€)

#### **STANDARD**

\*FROM 1.450€ 15h Spanish lessons 4 activities/excursions

#### NUMBER OF PERSONS

2-6

Immerse yourself in a shared experience at the teacher's home with up to four participants, blending language and culture. Whether with friends, family, or new acquaintances at the same Spanish proficiency level, our programme offers a dynamic and collaborative environment.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

- Payment in full is required upon receipt of the invoice.
- Additional charges apply per person during July, August, School Half Term, Easter, and Christmas holidays.
- A supplementary fee is applicable for a single student.
- An extra charge is incurred for single occupancy of a double room.
- A supplement is applicable for special dietary requirements.

#### **REGISTRATION FEE: 100€\***

\* FREE IF YOU BOOK A MINIMUM OF 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

#### **DURATION: FROM 1 WEEK ONWARDS\***

\* FROM SUNDAY TO SATURDAY (OTHER ARRANGEMENTS BY REQUEST)

SPANISH TUTION FOR EXAM PREPARATION (IGCSE, A LEVEL, DELE & SIELE)\*

\* PLEASE ASK FOR A QUOTE

#### **PREMIUM**

\*FROM 1.650€ 20h Spanish lessons 5 activities/excursions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Online session prior to arrival
- Spanish level test
- 15 or 20 hours of general Spanish lessons
- Around 20 hours of Spanish conversation during meals and activities
- Excursions with guided conversations
- Full-board accommodation (only meals at home)
- Study materials
- Wi-Fi in your teacher's home
- Certificate and report
- Video souvenir

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Flights/trains to/from Spain
Travel & medical insurance
Optional excursions\*
Extra tuition\*
Alcoholic drinks \*
Meals outside the house\*
Airport transfers\*

Please check our **Terms & Conditions** when booking your programme.

<sup>\*</sup>Can be arranged at an extra cost

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **HEALTHCARE**

EU residents are entitled to free health care while in Spain for holidays or for the first three months of their stay, so long as they can provide an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card). This will cover any immediate treatment needed. Medical conditions that do not require immediate treatment might incur charges. The EHIC card is not valid for health care in Spain if the holder is a Spanish resident.

The card only covers you for publicly-funded health care in Spain, not private, so make sure that the clinic or surgery you attend is aware of this, especially if both public and private services are on offer. Also, should you need an ambulance, make sure that it takes you to a hospital that offers treatment that the EHIC card will cover.

### **ENGLISH-SPEAKING DOCTORS & NURSES**

It is possible, but not guaranteed, that you will find an English-speaking nurse or doctor in most hospitals. If an English speaker is not available, most health services, particularly those in touristy areas, will provide an interpreter at a cost. In some regions, doctors refuse to treat patients who cannot speak Spanish unless they have an interpreter, as it can double diagnosis time. Finding an English-speaking doctor in a private hospital is almost guaranteed.

### **DENTISTS**

Visits to the dentist must be paid for in Spain and are not available under the state system except in certain circumstances. Children aged 6 to 15 years old have the right to a free dental health programme. In popular expat areas along the coast, several dental practices cater to English speakers. Private dental work in Spain tends to be cheaper than private dentistry in the UK.

## **PHARMACIES**

Pharmacies are everywhere in Spain, even in the smallest villages, indicated by an illuminated green cross. The prescription service is much more relaxed than in the UK, with many items that would require prescriptions in the UK available over the counter. These include antibiotics and asthma inhalers, as just two examples.

## **CONTACTS**

The Department of Health has two offices in Spain, which can deal with health care enquiries from British nationals either visiting or living in Spain. You can find more details at **healthcareinspain.eu**.

#### **VISAS**

### What documentation is required to travel to Spain?

The documentation required to travel to Spain varies according to the country of origin. If you are a citizen of an EU country, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Lichtenstein, you will need a valid passport or ID card. Additionally, in the case of a minor travelling with an ID document, this must be accompanied by written permission from the parents. If you come from another country: The maximum stay in Spain is 90 days.

There are several countries whose citizens are required to have a valid current visa to enter Spain.

You can check them on this list:

http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/es/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Informacion ParaExtranjeros/Documents/listapaisesvisado.pdf

Citizens of these countries can also travel to Spain if they have a residence permit or a long-term visa issued by another country in the European Union (except for the United Kingdom, Ireland, Romania, Bulgaria and Cyprus), Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein.

Citizens of all other countries must have documents that justify the object and the conditions of their stay and show they have sufficient economic resources for their maintenance throughout the period they are intending to remain in Spain. The documents they are required to present will vary according to the motive for the trip.

Nearest airport: Aeropuerto Internacional Región de Murcia

It is advisable to take out travel insurance for your trip.

Given that conditions may vary, we suggest you contact the Spanish Embassy or Consulate to verify these requirements before you start your trip.

### **WEATHER**

Murcia also enjoys a Mediterranean climate, characterized by mild winters and hot summers. The average annual temperature in Murcia is around 23.5°C during the day and 14.5°C at night. In the coolest months, typically January and February, temperatures range from 15 to 21°C during the day and 5 to 11°C at night. During the hottest months, like July and August, temperatures soar, ranging from 30 to 34°C during the day and from 22 to 23°C at night.

Tip!

The weather in Murcia is generally pleasant throughout the year, but the absolute best weather can be experienced from April to the end of June. These months are particularly inviting for a visit to the city, with warm days and comfortably cool nights.



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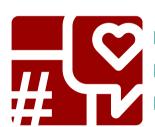
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We have the right Spanish homestay immersion programme to make your dream a reality!

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## WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON...







in Spanish!

