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Extremadura





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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 Extremadura!

ABOUT YOUR HOST TEACHER IN EXTREMADURA

As your certified Spanish teacher and dedicated host, I'm excited to guide you on this language and cultural journey. Let's immerse ourselves in the heart of Extremadura, where history, traditions, and local customs come to life. Join me as we explore the charm of this unique region, experiencing its vibrant atmosphere and authentic way of life.

Together, let's embrace the beauty of the Spanish language and culture!

Likes and passions:

- Sports & Fitness
- Cooking
- Traveling
- Volunteering
- Exploring different cultures

I strive to inspire my students with a deep appreciation for the Spanish language and the rich cultural heritage of Spanish-speaking countries.

If you're ready to experience Spain beyond the classroom, I look forward to welcoming you here in Extremadura!



¡HASTA PRONTO!

Richard

"Sharing my hobbies and culture with students is not just part of my job, but my passion. I love connecting with people and creating unforgettable experiences in Extremadura."

IMMERSION PROGRAMME

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, Mallorca, Extramedura and Menorca 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**, **Mallorca**, **Extramedura and Menorca** 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.

IMMERSION PROGRAMME

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.

IMMERSION BENEFITS

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 **Adult programme accommodates up to 4 people.** Students usually have their own private bedroom, except in a 2:1 program, where they may share a twin or double room.

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:

- Two cozy bedrooms: One double and one twin, offering a comfortable and peaceful stay.
- **Two traditional-style bathrooms**, equipped with fresh towels, bath gel, shampoo, and a hairdryer for your convenience.
- Fully equipped kitchen with modern appliances, where you can cook authentic Spanish recipes alongside your host teacher.
- All meals included: Savor breakfast, lunch, and dinner with delicious homecooked Spanish dishes.
- Wi-Fi access: Stay connected throughout your stay with reliable highspeed internet.



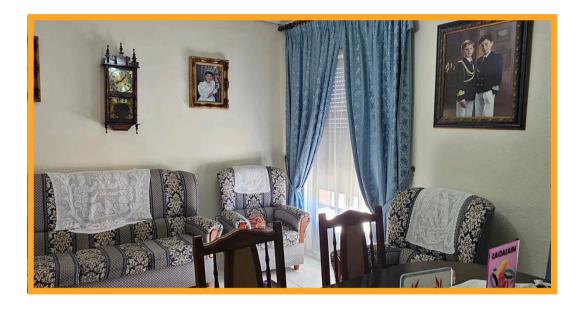


Miajadas is a charming town in central Cáceres, in the heart of Extremadura, known as the "Tomato Capital" of Spain.

Richard's house is perfectly located, just a 10minute stroll from the town centre. It offers a peaceful retreat while keeping you close to local shops, cafés, and cultural spots.

Nature lovers will also appreciate the nearby hiking trails, ideal for a leisurely escape into the surrounding countryside.

PHOTOS OF YOUR HOST TEACHER'S HOME...









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MIAJADAS & SURROUNDINGS



Blending learning with culture

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



Extremadura

Extremadura is a hidden gem located in western Spain. Known for its ancient history and stunning landscapes, this region will captivate you!

You'll be surrounded by mountains, rivers, and forests, perfect for outdoor adventures. Traditional villages and historical cities offer an authentic Spanish experience!

Miajadas is a delightful town nestled in central Cáceres, right in the heart of Extremadura, famously known as Spain's "Tomato Capital."

Spanish gastronomy

- Discover the excitement of cooking migas de pastor
- Taste Torta del Casar, one of Spain's finest cheeses
- Savor 100% Iberico ham, olive oil, and fresh seasonal fruits
- Enjoy Extremadura's famous cherry blossoms and traditional sweets



TOP PLACES TO VISIT



Spanish art & history



- Visit the Roman Theater and Amphitheater in Mérida
- Explore Cáceres' Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
 - Plaza Mayor
 - Arco de la Estrella
 - Palace of the Golfines de Abajo
 - Bujaco Tower
 - San Mateo Church
- Discover Trujillo's Castle and historic center
- Birdwatch at Monfragüe National Park
- Visit Guadalupe's Royal Monastery



- Medellín Castle
- Los Barruecos: Unique granite landscape with Vostell Museum
- Badajoz: Stroll through Plaza Alta and taste regional tapas

PICTURES FROM PREVIOUS TRIPS











STUDENTS' TESTIMONIALS

HEAR WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY...

SIENNA (United Kingdom)



My Spanish lessons with Richard have been fantastic! His structured and engaging teaching style has helped me improve my grammar, conversation skills, and confidence.

Richard tailors each lesson to our needs, making learning enjoyable and effective. The PowerPoints he shares help me review, and his independent work assignments reinforce my progress.

I love how he introduces us to Spanish culture through conversation. His sense of humor makes every session fun, and I always look forward to Tuesday nights. I wouldn't have improved so much without his encouragement!

Living with a local in Extremadura was an unforgettable experience! This program allowed me to explore the region's cultural and natural treasures in a way that traditional classes never could.

The interactive lessons were engaging and practical, helping me improve my Spanish while fully immersing myself in local life.

I left with a deeper understanding of both the language and the region. This experience was truly the highlight of my language journey, and I highly recommend it!



ANGY

ALLYSON (United Kingdom)



My experience with Richard as a teacher has been incredibly positive! After nearly ten years as his student, I truly admire his teaching methods and the passion he brings to every lesson.

As an adult learner, I sometimes find the process overwhelming, but Richard's patience and encouragement make all the difference. His enthusiasm for both teaching and his home country, Spain, is inspiring.

Richard is fully committed to his students' success. He pushes you to apply what you've learned before moving on, ensuring real progress. I highly recommend him to anyone looking to learn or improve their Spanish!

PRICES

PRICE PER WEEK, PER PERSON

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

NUMBER OF PERSONS

1-4 participants - Share a unique language and cultural experience at the teacher's home. Join friends, family, or others at your Spanish level for a dynamic and fun program.

***ADDITIONAL CHARGES**

- **High-demand periods:** Applicable during June, July, August & September, School Half Term, Easter, and Christmas holidays. Contact us for a personalized quote.
- **Theme weeks:** Diverse Theme Weeks are available throughout the year, tailored to various interests and schedules. Prices vary based on the program and season. Contact us for a personalized quote.
- **Single student:** Supplement for exclusive one-on-one programs. Contact us for a personalized quote.
- **Special dietary needs:** Additional cost for customized meal plans. Contact us for a personalized quote.
- Spanish Tuition for Exam Preparation and Business Spanish: Tailored lessons designed for IGCSE, A-Level, DELE, SIELE exams, and Business Spanish include a supplement fee. Contact us for a personalized quote.

Registration Fee: 150€

Payment Note: Full payment is required upon receipt of the invoice to secure any reservation.

Program Duration

- Flexible durations starting from 1 to 4 weeks.
- **Standard schedule:** From Sunday (check in after 4pm) to Saturday (check out before 11am). Other arrangements available upon request.

Please check our <u>Terms & Conditions</u> when booking your programme.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Online session before arrival to prepare for your immersion experience.
- **Spanish level test** to assess and customize your learning plan.
- **15 hours of general Spanish lessons** (both structured and seamlessly integrated into activities/excursions with workbooks).
- 15+ hours of Spanish conversation during meals and activities/excursions.
- 15+ hours of planned activities/excursions, include guided conversations to practice Spanish in real-life settings (meals, travel expenses, and tickets are included).
- Full-board accommodation, include all meals at your teacher's home and during planned activities/excursions.
- **Study materials** tailored to your learning objectives.
- Wi-Fi access in your teacher's home.
- Certificate and personalized report detailing your progress.
- Video souvenir highlighting your immersive experience.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights or trains to/from Spain
- Travel and medical insurance
- Airport transfers*
- Extra tuition*
- Optional activities/excursions*
- Meals outside the home (when they are not part of planned activities/excursions)*
- Alcoholic drinks*

*Available at an additional cost upon request

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 de Madrid (MAD)

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

Extremadura has a continental Mediterranean climate with hot summers and mild winters. The average annual temperature is around 26°C during the day and 12°C at night. In the coldest months, December and January, daytime temperatures range between 12 and 16°C, dropping to 2-6°C at night. During the warmest months, July and August, temperatures soar to 34-38°C during the day and remain around 18-22°C at night.

Tip!

The best time to visit Extremadura is from late March to early June or September to October, when the weather is warm but not too hot, perfect for exploring its beautiful natural landscapes and charming towns.



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





WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON...







in Spanish!

