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Tailor-made SPANISH Immersion Programmes

One of the best ways to give your Spanish a real push is to do an intensive course, add to that a full programme of cultural activities and you get an enriching, unforgettable experience.

Why Ronda?

The main reasons are:

- ✓ A great place to immerse in the Spanish Language and Culture
- ✓ Perfectly located to explore Andalusia.
- ✓ Amazing countryside & national parks.
- ✓ Remarkable History. ✓ Fabulous people.
- ✓ Exquisite cuisine.



If you are looking for a great town where you can study the Spanish language and culture, you are looking in the right place. Our mountain top town is surrounded by amazing 'Sierras' and natural parks. Within our area you can discover and wonder about the millennia of our history, marvel at our architecture, immerse yourself in local life and lose yourself in the beauty of the countryside (not literally, obviously!).

✓ We are **perfectly located** in the heart of everything you would like to see, visit and experience in Andalucía, yet within the peace and tranquillity of a small, mountain town. It is easy to fall in love with Ronda. Notable and illustrious people and characters such as Orson Welles, Hemmingway or Michelle Obama themselves have enjoyed our area. In the same way, our natural environment and the city of Ronda itself recently have become special sets for series of international relevance such as "Warrior Nun" or "His Dark Materials", or in the past, important programs and videos have been made with people of the stature of Madonna and Jamie Oliver.



Why Rondalingua?

- ✓ Tailor-made programme of Spanish classes and cultural activities.
- ✓ Excellent, experienced teaching team
- ✓ Modern, superbly located facilities
- ✓ Our passion for teaching and our love of Ronda and Andalucía
- ✓ Strong connections with the local community
- ✓ Out wonderful host families
- = an authentic Spanish experience.

Our cultural and linguistic immersion programmes are specially designed for each individual group. We offer programmes specialised in culture, music, history, food, wine, nature or a little bit of everything. These programmes are not just about learning classroom Spanish, it's a 360° view of modern Spanish life.

✓ Our team works tirelessly to make it an unforgettable experience and we know from experience that each group wants different things and has different objectives, that's why we don't have a 'one package fits all'.

✓ We are proud of our excellent teaching team, our modern, superbly located facilities and our strong connections with the local community. It is our passion for teaching and our love for Ronda that makes Rondalingua different. Our teachers have a wealth of experience with language students from all over the world and of all levels but more importantly, we treat each of our students as part of our family, as one of our own.

✓ In addition, our host families are part of our team and we consider them part of our family too. Each house is personally vetted by us. We want our students to feel included in the family so they can enjoy the real Spanish experience.



What's included?

✓ PRE-ARRIVAL

We work closely with group coordinator to prepare the perfect programme for each group, according to specific learning objectives and budget.

✓ PRE ARRIVAL LEVEL TEST

This helps us make sure that each student is in the correct group. We do this before arrival to be able to start classes from day one.

✓ STUDENT PROFILE FORM

This way we get to know the students a bit better and can, where possible, place them with host families with similar interests / hobbies.





▶ ✓ ORIENTATION

We work with the group coordinator to send pre-arrival orientation to help the student settle into the programme as quickly as possible. Each student will receive a programme itinerary with tips on life in Ronda and how to get the most out of the programme.

- We want them to take advantage of every moment they are here.

✓ ONLINE SESSIONS

• These sessions can be with the students & / or parents to discuss the programme, and resolve and doubts / questions they may have.

- We can also run some language initiation / familiarisation classes.

✓ FULL CULTURAL IMMERSION

• During our programmes, our students have ample opportunity to practice their language skills first with their host families, who



bend over backwards to include their guests in their family activities and local cultural events.

• They will also have the chance to use their skills in extra language exchanges that we organise with our students and pupils from other local schools. During these events, we encourage spontaneous conversation through a variety of activities, such as 'I have ...' bingo, speed conversations or even a mixed team treasure hunt around Ronda.

• Not only that, we can also organise mini sports tournaments, which is a great way to break the ice and create a fun, healthy ambience.

LOCAL EXCURSIONS

- The students will have the whole of their stay to explore Ronda fully, nevertheless we like to give them a quick introduction. At the start of the programme they will follow a local expert (official) guide who will take them through the streets of Ronda, regaling them with stories of Ronda.
- The route will take the students by the most emblematic buildings, for example, the Santa María church, Minarette of San Sebastian, the New Bridge and the Alameda park. The route includes a visit to the Bullring, considered to be one of the most important in Spain.
- Our programme offers different local excursions, each with a slightly different vibe.
- Our **Magical History Tour** takes the students on a 30,000 year journey. Starting with prehistoric cave paintings from the earliest settlers, to the Roman amphitheatre of Acinipo and finally lunch in a medieval village, Setenil de las Bodegas, where houses are built into the rock that runs through the village.
- Our **Adventure tour** takes us to the 'Caminito del Rey', a truly spectacular walkway, pinned to the side of a gorge after which the students will relax, enjoying a lunch in a traditional 'venta'.
- The third route is a gentle trip to **Grazalema**, to visit a local artisan cheese factory and where, depending on the time or year, we can see how cork is harvested from the Cork oak forests and how important it is to local food producers.

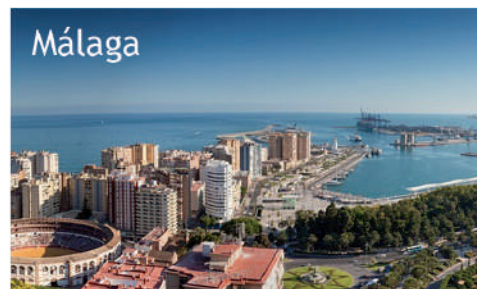


Explore ANDALUSIA

We can't say it enough, we are in the ideal place to be able to explore Andalusia. With Ronda as a base, you can enjoy everything that Andalusia has to offer, and still return home to enjoy the tranquillity of rural town life.

SEVILLA, a modern, vibrant city, which is also home to a rich historical legacy. The visit includes a panoramic tour of the city, a walking tour taking in the Plaza de España, Maria Luisa park and through the city centre and a tour of the Real Alcazar, one of the world's oldest palaces that is still used as a royal residence and a location for Game of Thrones.

MÁLAGA, a cosmopolitan, vibrant Mediterranean city. Here our tour will take us from Roman to modern times. We'll visit the 14th Century Gibralfaro Castle, where



we can appreciate outstanding views of Málaga as we walk the castle walls. A walking tour will take us to the cathedral among other amazing monuments.

CÓRDOBA, the city where culture and religions meet. The students will visit the Mezquita-Catedral, which has been a place of worship for both Muslims and Christians. The walking tour will also take in many of the famous buildings of the city. In May, a visit to the patios of Córdoba is a must, and time allowing, visit the Medina-Azahara.

GRANADA, considered the jewel of the Andalusian crown. The visit is an intense experience of history and culture from Moorish rule and life, to the reconquest of Spain by the Catholic Monarchs. The walking tour takes us through the Albaicín up to the Mirador de San Nicolas, from where the views of the Alhambra are superb. We will be accompanied by a guide though the Alhambra, to fully enjoy the palaces, fortress and the gardens.



Cuisine

A great reason to enjoy Spain is to savor the wonderful Spanish cuisine. In our programs we can organise different activities that allow you to enjoy the flavours...

Tapas Tour

During the programme we can take the students on our tapas tours where the students can sample the signature tapas from each the carefully selected tapas bars. From the most humble "ensaladilla rusa" (potato salad) to more elaborate dishes which are a fusion of flavours and cooking traditions.

Cheese and Olive Tasting

Andalucía is the region with the highest production of olive oil in the world. This 'liquid gold' is a staple ingredient in Mediterranean cooking. In our tasting session, our expert shows us how to appreciate the aromas, the colour and the flavours of different oils. Not only that, but the students will also learn about locally and nationally produced cheeses.

Cookery Lessons

Our students have the opportunity to learn different methods and styles of food preparation. We can organise different classes; one in a local cookery school, where the students learn to prepare traditional Mediterranean food, after which they can enjoy their hard work with a cooling drink. Another session is held in a hostel at the foot of the New Bridge, where the students learn to cook paella in the traditional way.





Wine Tasting / Intercambio

Our wine tasting / language exchange sessions have two objectives, the first is to give our students an opportunity to meet people from Ronda and practice using the language in a fun environment.

The second, but not less important, objective is for the students to discover more about local wines. As with the visits to the vineyards, a local expert teaches the students how to appreciate the flavour and aroma of each wine.

We know from experience that these sessions really help the students develop their communicative skills and learn a lot about local life and culture (For over 18s).

Wine Tasting

In the Serrania de Ronda, we have a number of wonderful vineyards, each producing amazing wines; luscious reds, crisp whites and fruity rosés.

On each of the visits the students will sample 3 wines from each bodega, at the same time learning how each business creates their unique flavours.

These visits also give the students the chance to explore a little more of the countryside around Ronda and better still enjoy the truly spectacular views.



Our SPANISH Classes



Last but not least, our Spanish programme is the axis on which the whole immersion programme is based. Depending on the length of the programme this could be 15 hours or it could be up to 60.

- Our team is dedicated to create a safe, fun environment in which our students can relax and enjoy the learning.
- Our teaching philosophy is based on the following principle: learning a language is much more than accumulating knowledge of grammatical rules and vocabulary. This means that our methodology is different to 'traditional' grammar focused classes. Our classes promote the use of authentic and contextualised language at the same time we develop the four skills of speaking, listening, writing and reading.
- We work on the how, where, when, who and why of using a language. That's to say, communicative competences, how to use the language in a given situation or for a specific purpose considering local and international culture.

• Learning a language is much more than practising grammar and memorising vocabulary.

In summary, our philosophy supports our long-term objective is long term, and how we prepare our students so they will be able to use the language in the future, incorporating the four skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening.

- Each student will complete a pre-course level test, this is to ensure that we allocate them the most adequate group.
- Apart from the classes we organise a number of activities that encourage the students to practice their new skills for example, with their host families or during one of our language exchanges.





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