



¡ España es Diferente !



Study in Europe; take your Spanish to a new level; and find out for yourself why "Spain is different."

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CULTURE

Picture This!

While participating in *encierro*—that's the Running of the Bulls—won't be on your to-do list, you'll still have many exciting adventures during your time in Spain!

With a history that dates more than 35,000 years, this southwestern European nation packs an impressive punch. Iberian, Roman, Basque and many other influences are still abundant.

Spain's gorgeous geographic diversity, including various mountain chains and more than 3,000 miles of coastline along both the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, attracts countless tourists, as do its 44 recognized World Heritage Sites, including the Alhambra fortress and palace, and the Gothic silk exchange in Valencia.



FUN FACTS

Did You Know?

Spain is a multilingual country. While Spanish is spoken by all, Basque, Catalan, and Galician are also spoken by varying percentages of Spaniards.

Barcelona is known for many things, including FC Barcelona, or *Barça* to its fans. The soccer club is proud to have won the Spanish *La Liga* more than 20 times in addition to a number of UEFA Champions League titles.

The arts are alive here. Perhaps you'll get to see some of the works of El Greco, Francisco de Goya, Pablo Picasso, and Salvador Dalí!

FAMILY LIFE

Live it Up

"Spain is different" is commonly heard, and you'll soon learn why for yourself. Spaniards cherish their free time and mid-day siestas, often meeting friends in large groups to enjoy what life has to offer.

Family life is important. Spanish families typically eat lunch or dinner together every day. Even those who no longer live at home return on the weekends for a big family meal. Paella, tapas, gazpacho—these are but a few examples of famous Spanish cuisine, which is diverse and delicious. You're sure to discover favorites in your region!

Festivals and festivities are popular here. Many of Spain's celebrations are known worldwide and attract millions to experience them in person. While some are based on religious holidays, others like the Tomatina Tomato Fight, are just plain fun.



SCHOOL

Keep Learning

Spanish high schools can be public, private, or a combination. Classes usually begin around 8:00 a.m. with a break in the late morning. Additional classes resume until 2:00 or 3:00, when students go home for lunch (and for the day).

Most students have the same classes up until tenth grade, when they can choose between science or literary tracks. Regardless, all students take math, biology, philosophy, history, Spanish, and English. An additional foreign language is often selected as well. You will need to purchase your textbooks.

You'll find class sizes to be smaller and the atmosphere quite social among students. Look to your friends to get involved in extracurricular activities—there are plenty of options, just not on the school campus.

ALL THE FACTS

A Closer Look

Dates and Costs

- Duration:
 - 10 months (academic year)
 - 5 months (semester)
- Start dates:
 - August
 - January (spring semester)
- Cost:
 - \$8,500 (academic year)
 - \$7,000 (semester)

Terms of Participation

- Between the ages of 15 and 18
- Currently enrolled in a U.S. high school
- GPA of C+ or better
- Minimum three years of Spanish

Application Deadline

- March 15: fall semester or academic year
- September 1: spring semester

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What's Included?

- Student selection interview
- Guidance through visa process
- Selection and preparation of host family
- High school enrollment
- U.S. pre-departure orientation
- Medical insurance
- Local support and progress reports
- 24-hour emergency support

What's Not Included?

- International and local airfare
- Visa application fees
- School fees (textbooks, lunch, etc.)
- Personal expenses, souvenirs, incidentals
- Transportation to and from school
- Phone cards or cell phone

How Does It Work?

- Visit pax.org/us-students for details on compiling application packet
- After application materials received and reviewed, student interview arranged
- Application packet sent abroad for final acceptance by partner organization
- Student matched with host family and school
- Student guided through visa process
- Details of exact host family, school, and community shared with student
- Correspondence between student and host family begins
- Pre-departure orientation session in the U.S.

