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Welcome!

Dear reader,

We should like to introduce you to our school, the **Escuela de Idiomas Nerja**, and acquaint you with the range of available courses, along with the numerous cultural activities and various accommodation options, all of which we are sure will meet your demands and more than rise to your expectations.

We suggest that you come and stay in Nerja, a lovely seaside town brimming with attractions, to learn our language and get to know our culture and customs - in the very best of settings, namely, a relaxed, professional and yet family-like atmosphere. Enjoy learning Spanish in delightful natural surroundings, with beaches, mountains and a year-round subtropical climate.

Our lovely school, with its large tropical garden, typically Andalusian air, its own Students' Residence –the “Club Costa Nerja”- and our enthusiastic team of teachers, will make your stay a simply unforgettable experience.

Directors

Luis Carrión and Renate Urban



Nerja is a town of around 20,000 inhabitants, situated just fifty minutes from **Malaga on Spain's Costa del Sol**, which has successfully preserved its essential Andalusian character. **Surrounded by mountains and stunning beaches**, the town has an ideal climate, with an average annual temperature of 20°C. Agriculture, fishing and tourism are the main productive sectors. Although its history harks back as far as the Palaeolithic, the town owes its name and origin to Moors, i.e., “Narixa” in Arabic means “abundant spring”. The warm, extroverted nature of the locals, traditions such as Carnival, Holy Week, patron saint feast days and festivities, and the town's proximity to major cities (Malaga, Granada, Seville), make Nerja an ideal place to learn our language and get to know our culture.

The Prehistoric Caves of Nerja and the small white-washed villages in the environs are worth visiting for their cultural interest and special charm.

As Nerja is a **coastal town on the Mediterranean**, all water sports are



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within your reach, as are tennis, swimming, horseback riding and hiking, all of which are compatible with our intensive courses.

You can also take advantage of your leisure time by visiting the town's restaurants and bars, which serve regional **specialities**, or enjoying our traditional art form, **flamenco**. Indeed, Nerja offers visitors a great atmosphere, as well as a superb range of places to eat, cafés and services catering to all tastes.

The School



The **Escuela de Idiomas Nerja** stands in the **very centre of town**, housed in a typical Andalusian building with a good-sized tropical garden, only a few minutes' walk from the local scenic beaches. Nearby, you will find all types of shops, boutiques, restaurants and night spots, which will help make your stay both lively and enjoyable.

The School has **14 fully-equipped classrooms (interior and exterior)**. Special mention should be made of the garden, which is perfect for holding class or just relaxing during breaks at our outdoor cafeteria.

A short stroll will bring you to the **Club Costa Nerja**. Here, apart from having one of the possible choices of accommodation that we offer our pupils, you will be able to make use of the Students' Common Room, Internet, WIFI zone, bookshop, library, cafeteria, as well as a spacious courtyard (patio), where you can study or chat with your classmates in a friendly, restful setting.

Our teachers are Philology and Arts graduates, who are all specialists in the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language and who form a well coordinated, enthusiastic team ready and able to make your learning as effective as possible.

We offer a **wide variety of courses** designed to meet the needs of pupils, and combine our professional experience with the most up-to-date methodology and resources.

The Escuela de Idiomas Nerja was founded in 1980 by its current directors, Renate Urban and Luis Carrión.



Studies and Methodology



Study programmes for the **Intensive Course** (20 lessons per week in groups having a maximum of 10 students) and **Super Intensive Course** (30 lessons per week in groups having a maximum of 6 students) are structured into the six learning levels proposed by the **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages**, namely, **A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2**. In those cases where student's level is A1, the specific course starting dates must be consulted. Where students already have some knowledge of Spanish, however, courses begin on every Monday of the year. Courses can have a duration of 1 to 32 weeks, according to individual need. The class timetable for Intensive Courses may be in the morning or afternoon, in accordance with the timetable set by the School. Super Intensive Courses are always taught in the morning.

Insofar as **methodology** is concerned, the School and the manuals that it uses follow a **"Task-based approach"**. Aside from the Communicative Method, our goal is **"significant and real teaching"** of Spanish. Classes are taught exclusively in Spanish. Assessment is continuous and, on completing a level every two weeks, students are required to do a progress test (or partial examination). Indeed, their progress is monitored by means of a personalised **follow-up** conducted by teachers and the Director of Studies. Upon completion of the course, each student receives a certificate awarded by the School



Courses

INTENSIVE COURSES

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20 hours per week.

Maximum of 10 students per group.

Duration: 1 to 32 weeks.

Course timetable: mornings or afternoons.

All levels.

General course in Spanish language, culture and civilisation for adults of all nationalities, imparted using the communicative method, with emphasis laid on the performance of tasks that enable real communication processes to be practised and the respective language skills -speaking, reading, writing and listening- to be put to use.



SUPER INTENSIVE COURSE

30 hours per week.

Maximum of 6 students per group.

Duration: 1 to 16 weeks.

Course timetable: mornings. All levels.

While both course content and goals coincide with those of the Intensive Course, the additional hours are devoted to more intensive, faster language acquisition, in line with pupils' specific needs.

Accredited course for obtaining the "Bildungsurlaub" in Germany.

INDIVIDUAL INTENSIVE COURSE (One-to-One)

20 or 30 hours per week.

Duration: 1 to 12 weeks.

Course timetable: mornings or afternoons. All levels.

Includes passenger collection service from Malaga airport.

Possibility of obtaining the Diploma in Commercial Spanish (Diploma de Español Comercial) issued by the Madrid Chamber of Commerce.

This is a custom-made course catering to students' individual interests. It is a specialised intensive course for pupils with very specific needs in general or professional Spanish, such as business, corporate affairs, tourism, banking, medicine, etc., or for specific examinations, such as the Diploma in Spanish as a Foreign Language (Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera – D.E.L.E), university, baccalaureate and others.

COURSE CLUB 50+

15 hours per week.

Maximum of 10 students per group.

Duration: 2 weeks. Course timetable: mornings.

Three levels: A1, A2 and B1.

Includes cultural and leisure activities for two weeks, with a day trip on Saturday.

Designed to give pupils over 50 years of age the chance of having a cultural experience while learning the language. Ideal for practising Spanish while enjoying our customs and culture.



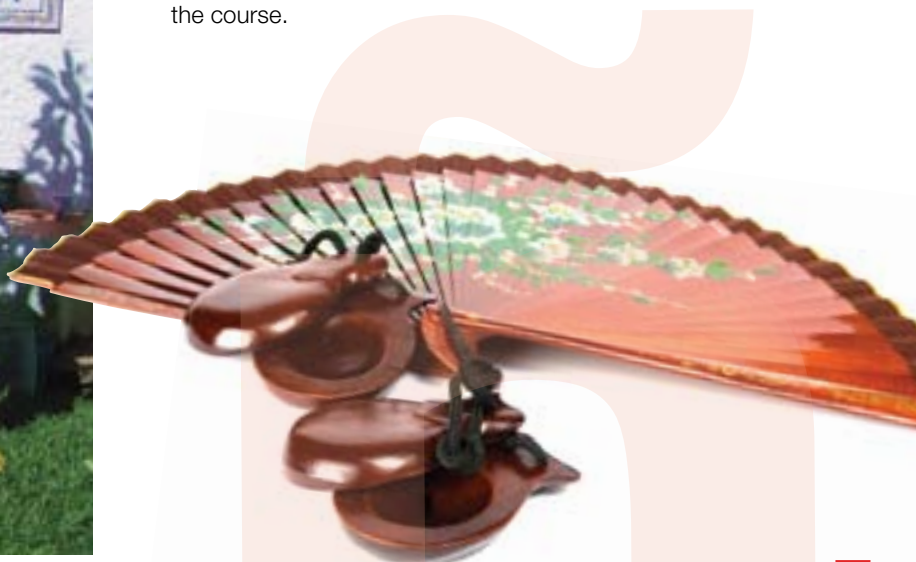
SPANISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES

COURSE IN BUSINESS OR TOURISM SPANISH

OPTION 1: 30 hours per week. Groups: 4 to 8 students.
Duration: 2 weeks. Course timetable: mornings.
Scheduled starting dates.

OPTION 2: 25 hours per week.
Intensive Course (20 hours) + 5 hours of private class of commercial Spanish. Duration: one week upwards.
Course timetable: mornings.
Starting date: any Monday.

Courses and examinations recognised by the Madrid Chamber of Commerce. Levels offered: Basic (B2) and Proficiency (C1). The Chamber of Commerce examinations are optional and will be held at the School at the end of the course.



Courses

SPANISH LITERATURE COURSE

10 hours per week. Groups: 3 to 5 students.

Duration: 2 weeks.

Course timetable: afternoons.

Starting date: any Monday.

Minimum level required: B2.

Designed for booklovers who are interested in forming an historical overview of Spanish literature by becoming familiar with and studying our leading authors and their works. Comprehensive bibliography.

This course can be complemented with an Intensive Course at your level.



SPANISH CIVILIZATION COURSE

10 hours per week.

Groups: 3 to 5 students.

Duration: 2 weeks.

Course timetable: afternoons.

Starting date: any Monday.

Minimum level required: B2.

For pupils interested in acquiring in-depth knowledge of Spanish history, society, geography and art. A review of the events and the historical and social factors that have converged to form modern-day Spain.

This course can be complemented with an Intensive Course at your level.





PREPARATORY COURSE FOR EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DIPLOMA IN SPANISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

(Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera - D.E.L.E.)

25 hours per week. Intensive Course (20 hours per week) + 5 hours of private class to prepare for the examination. Duration: 1 week upwards.

Course timetable: mornings or afternoons. All levels.

Diplomas in Spanish as a Foreign Language (Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera – D.E.L.E) are official certificates granted by the Cervantes Institute on behalf of Spain's Ministry of Education (Ministerio de Educación de España), accrediting the holder's degree of competence in and mastery of Spanish.



- Diploma in Spanish Level A1 accredits sufficient competence in the language to understand and employ everyday expressions frequently used anywhere in the Spanish-speaking world, aimed at meeting needs of an immediate type.
- Diploma in Spanish Level B1 (Initial) accredits sufficient competence in the language to understand and react appropriately to commonplace daily life situations and communicate desires and needs in a basic manner.
- Diploma in Spanish Level B2 (Intermediate) accredits sufficient competence in the language to deal with commonplace daily life situations, under normal circumstances of communication which do not call for specialised use of the language.
- Diploma in Spanish Level C2 (Mastery) accredits necessary competence in the language to deal with situations which call for a high level of language use and a knowledge of the cultural customs entailed therein.

The School registers students who attend the Preparatory Course and wish to sit the examination in Malaga. Examination dates: May, August and November.

Courses

COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF SPANISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SFL) (Español como Lengua Extranjera - E/LE)

OPTION 1: 30 hours per week.

Groups: 4 to 8 students.

Duration: 1 week. Course timetable: mornings.

Scheduled starting dates.

OPTION 2: 25 hours per week.

Intensive Course (20 hours) + 5 hours of private class.

Duration: 1 week upwards.

Course timetable: mornings.

Starting date: any Monday.

Training course to bring SFL teachers with or without experience up to date: includes methodology, methods and resources for the classroom, new technologies applied to the teaching of second languages, negotiation of goals, assessment, how to teach grammar involving special difficulty, Spanish culture and literature, and game-playing component.



SPANISH COURSE + UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Spanish in Spain - THE OPEN UNIVERSITY CLASSROOM (AULA UNIVERSITARIA ABIERTA) offers students from all over the world the possibility of learning our language and culture, and studying at university alongside Spanish students. Two regions of Spain imbued with beauty, history and age-old tradition.

Programme at Escuela de Idiomas Nerja

The aim of this course is that students acquire a working knowledge of the Spanish language and culture to the standard required for attending university in Spain. The stay in Nerja may vary, in accordance with the individual student's initial level. The programme consists of 4 hours of classes per day, during stays of 4 to 32 weeks. Students will be expected to attain a C1 level of Spanish.

Programme at the University of Castile-La Mancha (Toledo)

Possibility of studying a range of subjects included in the Arts, Business Administration, Law and Sports Sciences Degree syllabuses. Choice of over forty subjects. Maximum of 24 credits obtainable. Duration of one to two semesters.



TOLEDO CASTILE-LA MANCHA

Toledo is the capital of the Autonomous Region of Castile-La Mancha. At a distance of 68 kilometres (approx. 42 miles), it is only a 45-minute drive from Madrid. Toledo has managed to conserve its mediaeval character. Over the ages, Romans, Visigoths, Moors, Jews and Christians have all left their mark on the layout and architecture, culture and very soul of this stunningly beautiful city.

OTHER PROGRAMMES

SPANISH COURSE + FLAMENCO OR SALSA

20 hours per week in an Intensive Course.

Maximum of 10 students per group. Course timetable: mornings. Over 5 hours of FLAMENCO or SALSA lessons. Course timetable: afternoons.

SPANISH COURSE + TENNIS

20 hours per week in an Intensive Course.

Maximum of 10 students per group. Course timetable: mornings. Over 5 hours of TENNIS lessons. Course timetable: afternoons.

COURSES FOR GROUPS OF YOUNGER PUPILS ("MINI-STAYS")

For groups of teenagers aged 12 to 18.

15 or 20 hours per week.

Course timetable: mornings.

Spanish language and civilization course. Number of weeks to be agreed upon. Includes activities, and transport to and from Malaga airport.

Intensive Courses include:

- Written test of student's initial level.
- Oral test of student's initial level.
- Course presentation and classification by level. Every Monday, based on a morning timetable.
- Welcome and presentation of activities programme. Every Monday, based on an afternoon timetable.
- Continuous assessment.
- Certificate and Diploma.
- Seminars on Spanish Culture and Civilisation.
- School parties.

Levels



Basic Speaker

A1

Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of an immediate type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details, such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided that the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

A2

Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g., very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters pertaining to immediate need.

Independent Speaker

B1

Can understand the main points of clear, standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions, and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

Approximate number of hours per level:

A1: 40, A2: 40, B1: 80, B2: 80, C1: 160, C2: 160

B2

Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

Proficient speaker

C1

Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

C2

Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in the most complex situations.

On the first day of course, students are given a written classification test and an oral interview to allocate them to the group best suited to their level. It may be that there is just one student at a given level. In such a case, we would offer him/her a smaller number of private class hours, to a total amount equivalent to the established rate for that course level.

Activities



- Outings to the prehistoric caves of Nerja and the picturesque towns in the vicinity, such as Frigiliana and Almuñécar.
- Daytrips to Granada, Seville, Malaga and Cordoba.
- Three-day trip to Morocco.
- Sports activities: beach volleyball and horseback riding.
- Social life: school parties, “tapas tour”, Spanish films and other interesting events.
- Seminars on Spanish culture and civilisation.
- Salsa and flamenco courses.
- Cookery classes and wine tasting.



Every Monday there is a welcome gathering for the presentation of activities in which new students meet one another and enjoy typical Spanish hospitality.

Consult our web page for activity dates and rates. Seminars form part of the language course. You can enrol online.

We offer a 2-week activity package at a special price that includes all activities plus a Saturday outing.

The School reserves the right to cancel or change any activity scheduled in its monthly programme.







Accommodation

The Moorish-Andalusian style **Club Costa Nerja** with 30 rooms, is located in the Old Quarter, just a few minutes' walk from the School and beaches.



Apart from its attractive terrace and swimming pool where you can sunbathe, with views across to the sea and mountains, the building is equipped with all modern conveniences, including a lift, air conditioning, heating and solar energy.

- Standard rooms: double or single.
- Premium rooms: TV, refrigerator and kettle.

All rooms come with bathroom.

The cleaning service operates from Monday to Friday. Rates include a change of towels twice a week and change of bed linen once a week.

The Residence kitchen is a shared facility, freely available to all students staying there.

Available to all students:

- Students' Common Room: meeting place for e-mailing, doing homework, requesting reading matter, consulting a teacher or just relaxing over a quiet drink.
- Cafeteria.
- TV lounge.
- Internet service.
- WIFI zone.
- Library.
- Study Room.
- Cinema with a wide selection of films in Spanish.



Accommodation

Club Costa Nerja apartments

Pleasant, comfortable and located on the School's premises.

For 1 to 2 persons, all flats have a living room, bedroom, fully-equipped kitchen, bathroom and ample terrace with views of the garden.

Facilities: TV, washing machine, air conditioning/ heating, solar energy.

Bed linen and towels, WIFI service. Flats include the use of the Club Costa Nerja swimming pool and end-of-stay cleaning service.



1- or 2-bedroom apartments

A ten-minute stroll away from the School and beaches, the flats are spacious and give tenants right of access to the communal swimming pool.

Living room with TV, fully-equipped kitchen with washing machine, and good-sized bathroom.

Bed linen, towels and end-of-stay cleaning service included.

1 to 4 persons.





Other Accommodation

Spanish host families

Ideal for pupils who wish to live with a Spanish family, learn about their customs and get even more language practice. All our registered families will treat you as just another member of the family. Homes lie within a short distance from the School and Club Costa Nerja (a maximum of 20 minutes on foot).

Single or double room with half-board: breakfast and lunch.

The main meal of the day in Spain is "al mediodía", i.e., lunch, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Flat shares

Very comfortable flats, near the School and beaches.

Each student has his/her own room with shared common areas (fully-equipped kitchen, living room with TV, and bathroom) Bed linen and towels are provided, and the end-of-stay cleaning service is included.



Transport



From Malaga's Pablo Ruiz Picasso International Airport to Nerja:

- Bus service from the airport to Malaga city centre (Central Bus Station) every 20 minutes. From here, buses leave for Nerja every hour. The journey takes approximately one hour.
- Taxi from the airport to Nerja.
- The School ferry service: from Malaga International Airport to your chosen accommodation.

Insurance

The School is covered by civil liability insurance for students on the school premises. Spain's Social Security service offers health care to European Union citizens on presentation of the necessary documentation obtained in their country of origin. Students from other countries wishing to visit Spain are advised to consult their insurance company regarding Spanish Social Security.

We recommend that you take out travel insurance to cover the possibility of your requiring medical attention. Our School offers travel and cancellation insurance in the event of illness.



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Venir a esta Escuela de Idiomas fue una de mis mejores experiencias de aprendizaje. Nunca me arrepentiré de haber venido.

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*Heather Doherty,
Nort Georgian Court
South University, EE.UU*

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Me encantaron la Escuela, los profesores y el alojamiento. ¡Todos fueron excelentes! Me gustaría quedarme aquí mas tiempo.

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*Suzanne Bell,
Gran Bretaña*



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