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SPANISH HOMESTAY IMMERSION PROGRAM

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With you, every step of the way!

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SHIP
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WE ARE THE EXPERTS

Welcome to our **Spanish Homestay Immersion Program (SHIP)** in Barcelona province!

The **Spanish Homestay Immersion Program** (**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 program is offering you the truly unique opportunity to **LIVE** and **LEARN SPANISH** in your **TEACHER'S HOME** in **BARCELONA PROVINCE!**

ABOUT YOUR HOST TEACHER IN BARCELONA

As a teacher, I have experienced over the last two decades the joy of achievement, by measuring the **success of the many students** I have taught from young ones to the young-at-heart.

In my teaching practice, I place a huge emphasis on the importance of **immersion in the language and culture**, through games, sports, films, music, books and simple but rich conversations.

I strongly believe that **culture and language are inextricably linked** and that a complete understanding of a language cannot be achieved without a thorough knowledge of the culture from which it springs.

Likes and passions:

- Walking my Golden retriever: Samba
- Photography
- Travel and tourism
- Art, cinema and theatre
- Spending time with my family and friends

I seek to instil in my students a keen grasp and appreciation of Spanish-speaking countries and cultures.

So if you're ready to immerse yourself in the Spanish culture, I wait for you here in Barcelona!

MÓNICA

"This educational immersion program is not only my job but also my passion, as I love making new friends from all corners of the world".

IMMERSION PROGRAM

What is the Spanish Homestay Immersion Program (SHIP) about?

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

Program lengths can vary to accommodate different preferences and schedules. Whether you prefer a rigorous one or two-week Spanish homestay immersion program, or wish to extend your stay up to four weeks, there are flexible options to suit your needs and immerse yourself fully in the language and culture.

Our **Spanish Homestay Immersion Program (SHIP)** is ideal because it's **bespoke**, **authentic**, **thrilling** and **customizable**.

Who is the Spanish Homestay Immersion Program (SHIP) for?

The **Spanish Homestay Immersion Program (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 programs** are offered. You can choose from **Barcelona, Menorca, Valencia 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 programs 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 PROGRAM

Who are the host-teachers of the Spanish Homestay Immersion Program (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 program** 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 Program (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 center 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 center for Spanish official exams?

Yes, **Spanish Express is one of the seven accredited Spanish SIELE Exam centers 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 programs.

For the **DELE exam** you need to go to the **DELE Exam center**. 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 Program (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 Program (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

This host teacher **accommodates up to 4 people.** The house features 1 twin bedroom (2 single beds) with an ensuite bathroom, and 1 double bedroom (1 double bed) with a shared bathroom next to it.

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 program:

- 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 & Netflix

EXCURSIONS

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

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

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

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

The house features:

- **One twin room** with an **ensuite bathroom** and **one double room** with a **shared bathroom** next to it.
- Both bathrooms with **clean towels**, **bath gel**, **shampoo** and **hairdryer**.
- Kitchen with **all new appliances** where you will cook some Spanish recipes with your host.
- **Breakfast, lunch and dinner** (at home).
- **Wi-Fi, TV & Netflix.**

It features **various terraces**, from which you can view the majesty of El Corredor National Park.

Students can also enjoy the **beauty of nature** by enjoying a walk through the forest that is literally behind the house.

Your Spanish home is a **big house with large open spaces and gardens**, within a **5-minute drive from an outdoor swimming pool** and within a **20-minute drive from the beach.**

PHOTOS OF YOUR TEACHER'S HOME...

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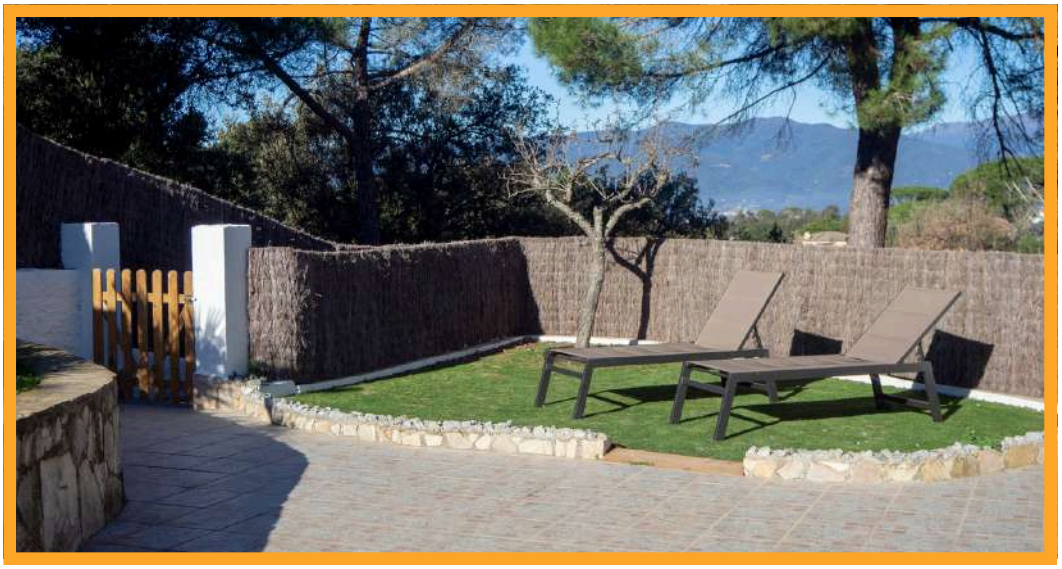

DOSRIUS
& SURROUNDINGS

Blending learning with culture

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

Dosrius

Dosrius town belongs to the **Maresme** region and is located at the confluence of the **Far and Canyamars** streams.

Its original name means **"Two Rivers"** and refers to the 2 rivers that join to form the **Argentona Riera.**

Dosrius offers the visitor quiet walks to enjoy nature and discover the **Montnegre-Corredor.**

Spanish gastronomy

- Taste the famous ***Fideuà*** of Barcelona.
- Enjoy a great ***Crema Catalana.***
- Don't miss the delicious ***Pa amb Tomàquet.***

TOP PLACES TO VISIT

Spanish art & history

- The Montseny, a natural park and a biosphere reserve
- The Donkey Reserve, full of lovely friendly donkeys

- The Enchanted Forest, filled with mysterious stone carvings
- The Museu del Càntir, with a collection of more than 4.500 receptacles for water

- Visit to la Sagrada Familia
- Tour of the Gothic Quarter of Barcelona

    a. Gothic cathedral
    b. Jewish quarter
    c. Las Ramblas
    d. La Boquería market
    e. El Bosc de les fades

PICTURES FROM PREVIOUS TRIPS

STUDENTS' TESTIMONIALS

HEAR WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY...

TIFF

For me, learning Spanish with Mónica and **the team was a really fun** experience at home so I decided to take part in the immersion program.

Visiting Móni's home in Maresme, just outside of Barcelona, was the **perfect opportunity for me to really enhance my Spanish**. I was able to explore the metropolitan and diverse city of Barcelona, whilst being based in a hub of authentic Spanish culture 24/7.

Living in my teacher's home was an unforgettable cultural and fun experience. Immersing myself in the lifestyle boosted my confidence with Spanish and made for an exceptional break. I can't think of a better way to experience Spain.

CHRIS

I spent a week in Dosrius, Barcelona, Spain living with my teacher in her home. It was an **amazing experience**! My teacher, Mónica, is an **excellent instructor** and **spoke Spanish to me 100% of the time**. We ate meals together and I had a Spanish lesson each morning.

Mónica took me on **sightseeing/cultural excursions** every other day in the surrounding area. During my free time, I did my own sightseeing and took the train to Girona for an afternoon.

Mónica's home is very comfortable. I had **my own room and private bathroom**. We went grocery shopping when I arrived so I could help myself to food when I wanted. My only regret is that I only had 1 week.

I would highly recommend an immersion homestay with Spanish Express!!

CHERYL

I had a wonderful experience with Spanish Express! I traveled with two friends where we spent two weeks in Valencia with Pilar and one week in Barcelona with Mónica. My goal was to **improve my Spanish listening and speaking skills** and **explore** whatever **Valencia** and **Barcelona** had to offer.

The accommodations at both Pilar's and Mónica's homes were lovely and comfortable. I found the experience of **living in Spanish homes much more interesting than staying in hotels** and the **meals** they provided were **typical of local cuisines** and delicious. Pilar and Mónica were **warm**, **welcoming** and went above and beyond to make sure we were happy, entertained and well fed.

PRICES

PRICE PER WEEK, PER PERSON

***FROM 1.690€**

Over 25 Hours of Immersive Spanish with Your Host Teacher

Includes Spanish lessons, shared meals, and unforgettable cultural excursions—all entirely in Spanish.

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 Terms & Conditions when booking your program.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- **Online session prior to arrival** to prepare for your immersion experience.
- **Spanish level test** to assess and customize your learning plan.
- **Spanish lessons tailored to you**, blending formal instruction with real-life application through interactive activities and cultural experiences.
- **Guided conversations throughout your stay**—during meals, daily routines, and excursions—all counting as part of your lesson time.
- **Cultural excursions and activities** as extended lessons, where you learn and practice Spanish in meaningful, real-world settings—meals, transport, and tickets included.
- **Full-board accommodation**, including all meals at your teacher's home and during planned activities and 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.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING 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 program. 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/InformacionParaExtranjeros/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 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: Barcelona (BCN)

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

Barcelona has a Mediterranean climate with mild winters and hot summers. Its average annual temperature is 21.2°C during the day and 15.1°C at night. In the coldest months, January and February, the temperature ranges from 12 to 18°C during the day and 6 to 12°C at night. In the warmest months, July and August, the temperature ranges from 28 to 32°C during the day and from 20 to 24°C at night.

Tip!
The weather is pleasant for most of the year. However, you'll experience the absolute best weather from April to the end of June making these months particularly attractive for a visit to the city.

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