SPANISH EXPRESS

LIVE AND STUDY SPANISH

IN YOUR TEACHER'S HOME IN *Valencia*

Family

SHIP

SPANISH HOMESTAY IMMERSION PROGRAMME

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MAKE SPAIN YOUR CLASSROOM

With you, every step of the way!

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OUR NETWORK OF
HOST TEACHERS & DESTINATIONS

Mónica - Barcelona

Founder and director of
Spanish Express
Spanish Express Host Teacher

Pilar - Valencia

Coordinator of **Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme (SHIP)**
Spanish Express Host Teacher

Pepe - Mallorca

Spanish Express Host Teacher

Gema - Málaga

Spanish Express Host Teacher

Elena - Navarra

Spanish Express Host Teacher

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 VALENCIA PROVINCE!

ABOUT YOUR HOST TEACHER IN VALENCIA

As a language teacher, I have learned to make the most of my time, the **right tools** for each learning stage and the **right techniques** for each student, because not all students are the same.

In my personal experience, the Immersion Course is an extraordinary tool, especially to **gain fluency** in the target language and **tackle the lack of confidence** that we feel at times.

This type of experience helps a lot to **overcome all the obstacles** of learning a new language.

Likes and passions:

- Psychology
- Personal development
- Cultures and countries
- Art, cinema and sports
- Health, food and environment

I would love to be your "**journey partner**" teaching you Spanish language and Spanish culture in situ.

Undoubtedly, this is the **best way to learn to SPEAK SPANISH**.

¡HASTA PRONTO!

PILAR

"I try to share my own hobbies with my students if they are willing to have new experiences in a beautiful city like Valencia".

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

With this course, you will be able to:

- **Speak Spanish** more confidently
- Learn **customs and traditions** of Spanish culture
- Share **social activities** with Spanish people
- Live in a completely **Spanish environment**

Our course gives you the chance of a **full immersion experience**, living and being taught by your private teacher for one week or longer.

The students have **10 hours or more of Spanish lessons** that we can do outdoors on the terraces or inside the house.

The programme is **adapted to the level of the students** and based on their needs. All lessons are **practical** and hands-on with students having to put into practice what they have learned in their classes with the teacher.

Throughout the course, students **live with their Spanish teachers** in Spain, gaining natural exposure to the language through everyday **conversations with natives**, **Spanish cultural trips** and **social outings**.

PRACTISE SPANISH IN REAL LIFE!

This Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme focuses on the **four core skills** of language (reading, writing, listening, and speaking), as well as pronunciation and intonation.

Our Spanish instructors are **native Spanish speakers** with many years of experience teaching Spanish to English pupils. The teacher creates a **bespoke programme** based on the initial **language level test** taken with the teacher in **two online sessions** before arrival.

FAMILY
PARENT/S & CHILD/REN

What the programme includes:

- 2 initial introduction lessons online with your Spanish teacher, including a level test, and preparations for the trip before departure
- 10 hours one-to-one tuition per week
- Study materials
- Assessment of improvement test on the final day
- Comprehensive end-of-course report
- Attendance certificate

Who is this course recommended for?

Parent/s and child/ren. All families are welcome to learn Spanish with us.

The Spanish homestay Immersion programme allows a parent and child to travel together while experiencing the homestay experience. Individual and group lessons are available.

If only one person wants to take lessons, the other person can participate in our culture and conversation programme without taking any formal classes. We may, however, give individual pricing for accommodation only if a parent solely wants to share lodging.

We can create a personalised curriculum based on both parent's and child's hobbies and interests. For groups of more than two people, we provide a family programme.

OTHER AVAILABLE PROGRAMMES:

- **ADOLESCENTS 16+**
- **SUMMER CAMP**
- **ADULTS 18+**

YOUR STAY

ACCOMMODATION

Unless they are on a 2:1 programme, in which case a twin room is shared, students in our private Spanish classes for the **FAMILY** programme have either **one or more private bedrooms** for themselves with a **comfortable single or double beds**.

We must be told ahead of time if there are any special dietary requirements.

The following items are included in the programme:

- Private guest room
- Private guest bathroom
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Bedding and towels are provided
- Dietary restrictions (extra)
- Free WIFI is available
- Toiletries

EXCURSIONS

The **SHIP** has a large array of **excursions and exciting activities** available within each programme. During the first two online sessions before departure, teachers will discuss 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 pupil before they fly.

Further to the outings included in their programme, students can request that additional excursions be arranged, either alone or accompanied by their teacher.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

The house features:

- Three bedrooms: 1 double, 1 twin, 1 twin (sofa-bed)
- We accommodate up to 6 people
- Kitchen with all new appliances where you will cook some Spanish recipes with your host
- Bathroom with clean towels, bath gel, shampoo and hairdryer
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Wi-Fi

Your Spanish home is a **big house** with large open spaces, gardens and a **small pool**.

It features **two huge terraces**, from which you can view the majesty of the Sierra Caldero.

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

PHOTOS OF YOUR TEACHER'S HOME...

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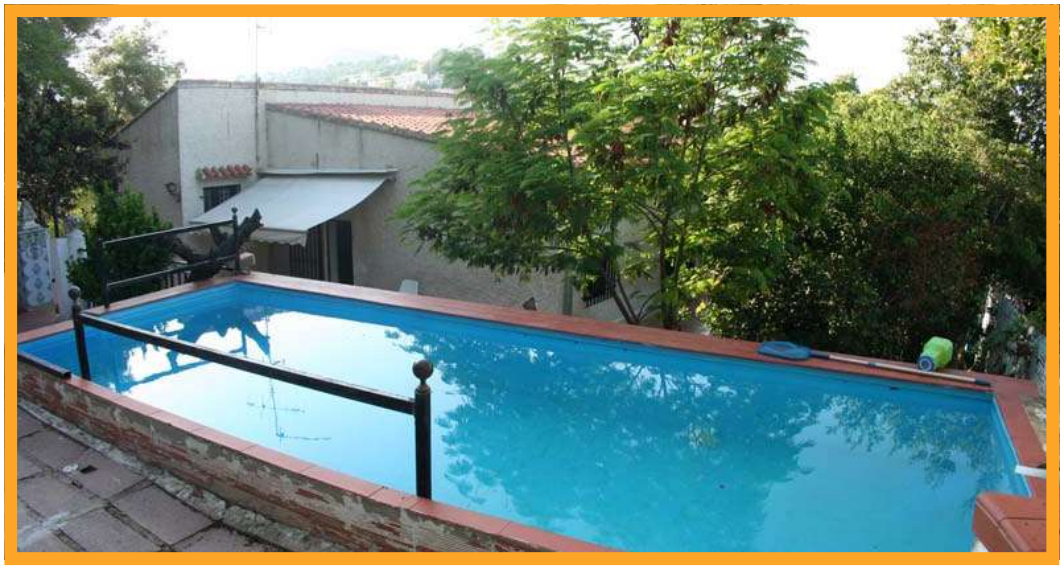
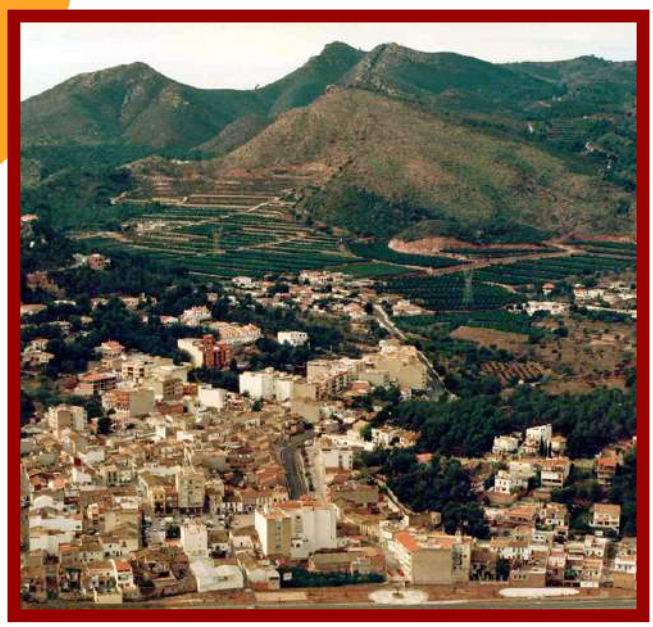


PLACES YOU WILL BE VISITING

Blending learning with culture

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

Gilet



Gilet is located 20 km from the city of **Valencia**, this will allow us to visit it easily! On the other hand, the **beaches** are 10 minutes drive from the house.

The village is **surrounded by mountains** and typical Mediterranean vegetation, pines and bushes of rosemary, thyme, and many more beautiful green areas.

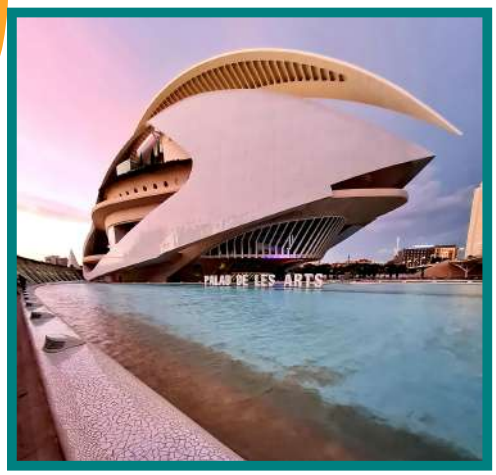
An exceptional place!

Spanish gastronomy

- Visit Spanish restaurants
- Learn to cook *Paella*
- Taste *La horchata de chufas* at the Museum of the Alquería del Machistre in Alboraya
- Taste the delicious Valencian oranges

PLACES YOU WILL BE VISITING

Spanish art & history



- Visit the City of Arts and Sciences
- Tour to the Historic Center of Valencia

  a.Plaza la Virgen

  b.Cathedral

  c. Miguelete Tower

  d.Plaza Redonda

  e.La Lonja

- Castle and Roman Theatre of Sagunto
- Bicycle tour of the Turia Gardens
- Palmar Natural Park Tour

- The Dragon House
- The Albufera

SPANISH FESTIVALS AND TRADITIONS

We created a **calendar** with the most exciting **celebrations in Valencia**, so if you visit us during these festive seasons, you'll be enjoying dates like...

- 5th-6th January- **Parade of the Three Kings / Epiphany**
- 22nd January- **Feast Day of Saint Vicente the Martyr**
- 25th-27th February- **Carnival**
- 15th-19th March- **Fire Festival. ¡Las Fallas!**
- 10th-17th April- **Holy Week**
- 2nd May - **Our Lady of the Forsaken**
- 18th June- **Corpus Christi**

- 23rd June- **Night of Saint Juan**
- July- **Valencia July Fair**
- 29th August- **La Tomatina**
- 6th-8th October- **International Festival of Pyrotechnics**
- 9th October- **Day of the Valencian Community**
- 24th-25th December- **Christmas Eve / Christmas**
- 31st Dec-1st January- **New Year's Eve**

PICTURES FROM PREVIOUS TRIPS

STUDENTS' TESTIMONIALS

HEAR WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY...

THILA

The course was very good and well planned. The **lessons** were well taught, very comprehensive and easily understood.

Always very **happy** to come to my lesson because it is a very happy atmosphere. The teachers, **Mónica** and **Pilar**, have an excellent approach and made our lessons **enjoyable**, easy to understand and made us feel special.

I highly recommend taking this opportunity to have this experience.

RENÉE

I have been learning with Spanish Express for 18 months now. I had **no prior knowledge of the language** but now I know I would be able to go to Spain, find my way around and have everyday conversations with people.

I have learned in a group situation and individually and enjoyed both. **Our group trip to Valencia was my highlight of last summer**.

Pilar is a very patient teacher and explains the use of the language very well. **Spanish Express has been a great learning experience**.

ADELINA

Overall, this was a **great way to experience Spanish culture** and to practise my Spanish. The trip was **packed full of activities and places to visit** and the trip itinerary was pre-planned and run by the teacher which allowed me to fully enjoy the experience stress-free.

Interacting with the locals in Spanish and being fully immersed in the culture for a week enabled me to speak Spanish confidently, which helped me make substantial progress in mastering the language.

PRICES

NUMBER OF PERSONS

3-6

You can share the Spanish Homestay Immersion Programme in the same teacher's home with a maximum of 6 people of the same Spanish level. If your level is different, please, ask us.

REGISTRATION FEE: £100 *

* FREE IF YOU BOOK A MINIMUM OF 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

DURATION: FROM 1 WEEK ONWARDS*

* FROM SUNDAY TO SATURDAY (OTHER ARRANGEMENTS BY REQUEST)

PRICE PER WEEK PER PERSON FROM *(£)

1,000.00
(minimum 3 family members)

* During July, August, Easter and Christmas holidays there is a supplement of 10% per person.

* Full payment needs to be made upon receipt of invoice.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Spanish Level Test
24/7 Spanish Conversation
10+ Hours of Spanish Lessons
Full-Board Accommodation
Study Materials
Basic Excursions
Wi-Fi in your Teacher's Home
Certificate and Report

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Flights to/from Spain
Travel & Medical Insurance
Airport Transfers*
Optional Excursions*

*Can be arranged at extra cost

CANCELLATIONS

Should any cancellation be made more than 30 days before the programme abroad starts, Spanish Express will refund the student 50% of the cost of the programme.
Please check our Terms & Conditions when booking online.

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 treatments 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 ex-pat areas along the coast, there are several dental practices that 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 for the United Kingdom, Ireland, Romania, Bulgaria and Cyprus), Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein.

Citizens of all other countries must own documents that justify the object and the conditions of their stay and 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 Valencia (VLC)

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

Valencia has a Mediterranean climate with mild winters and hot summers. Its average annual temperature is 22.8 °C during the day and 13.8 °C at night. In the coldest month - January, the temperature ranges from 14 to 20 °C during the day and 4 to 10 °C at night. In the warmest month - August, the temperature ranges from 28 to 32 °C during the day and from 21 to 22 °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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