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With you, every step of the way!

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OUR TEAM OF HOST TEACHERS & TOUR GUIDES



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WE ARE THE EXPERTS

Welcome to our **Spanish Hotel Immersion Programme** (SHIP) in Cádiz province!

The Spanish Hotel 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.

We have joined forces with **Gibraltar Tour**, a local travel company specializing in the area of Andalucia with a great team dedicated to creating and planning customised holidays with a personal touch.

We have also joined forces with **Rutas del Sur**, a local tour guide company with very cheerful tour guides, who are also musicians, offering high-calibre tours in Andalucía with extensions into Gibraltar, Morocco and beyond.

This programme is offering you the truly unique opportunity to **live** and **learn Spanish** in your **HOTEL** in Cádiz PROVINCE!

We endeavour to take you off the beaten track and show you the real Andalucía!

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ABOUT YOUR HOST TEACHERS



MÓNICA

I grew up in Menorca, lived in Barcelona for a few years and then moved to London in the mid-nineties.

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 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 love walking my two Golden Retrievers, Rumba and Samba. Photography, art, cinema and theatre are some of my passions. I enjoy travelling the world, meeting new people and spending time with my family (including my fur babies) and friends :-)



ÓSCAR

I was born in Cádiz in the south of Spain where I studied Hispanic Studies and English Philology.

I have taught Spanish GCSE and A-Level for more than 20 years in London. I hold the relevant qualification to teach Spanish language to English and foreign students.

I am bilingual and in a particularly good position to teach Spanish due to my degree qualification and the CELTA course.

I enjoy interacting with people of all ages and have a great passion for Spanish language and literature, which enables me to teach with enthusiasm.

My extra-curricular interests include playing the guitar in a rock band and supporting Fútbol Club Barcelona!

ABOUT YOUR LOCAL TOUR GUIDES



LUCAS

I was born in Algeciras, Cádiz province, but I have dual nationality. My mother is Italian, from the province of Cuneo in the Piedmont region.

I love nature! I have been lucky enough to grow up surrounded by alpine mountains and majestic natural parks bordering the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean on my side of Cádiz.

My hobbies are nature and music. I am a guitarist, so I decided to dedicate myself to it and make the most of my two passions together with my twin brother "Davide".

In RUTAS DEL SUR we do an infinity of activities in the natural environment and also in the cultural and historical environment of our area that undoubtedly surprises everyone who comes to visit us.



DAVIDE

As you already know I'm Lucas' twin brother, so I can skip the nationalities part.

Just like my brother, I love nature and music, we are twins even for that...

Together we decided to start the RUTAS DEL SUR project to, as Lucas says, make the most of our passions.

We put a lot of effort into our work and we love that the people who come to visit and get to know our land feel at home.

In our activities, laughter, music and local gastronomy are never missing.

We are waiting for you!

With us you will discover Spanish humour, music, art and the history of our land. We are waiting for you in Algeciras to discover the province of Cádiz & beyond!

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

With this linguistic and cultural programme, you will be able to:

- Speak Spanish more confidently
- Learn the customs and traditions of Spanish culture
- Share **social activities** with Spanish people
- Live in a completely **Spanish environment**
- Discover the province of Cádiz & beyond

Our programme gives you the chance of a **full immersion experience**, living and being taught by your private teacher/s.

The students have **10+ hours of Spanish lessons** that we can do while visiting places or in the conference room in the hotel. The Spanish programme is **adapted to the level of the students**.

Throughout the programme, students spend their time in Spain with their native Spanish teachers and tour guides, gaining natural exposure to the language through everyday conversations with natives, Spanish cultural trips and social outings.

PRACTISE SPANISH IN REAL LIFE!

This Spanish Hotel Immersion Programme focuses on the **four core skills** of language (reading, writing, listening, and speaking), as well as pronunciation and intonation. However, speaking and listening will be our main goals.

The entire purpose of your week with us will be to help you gain confidence. You will almost certainly agree with us when we say that speaking and listening in Spanish is a challenge for almost every student. In fact, many people avoid public speaking merely because they lack confidence.

Our SHIP will change everything! We have created a programme that will gradually help you expand your comfort zone so that by the end of the week, you'll feel more at ease speaking to native speakers.

You can come alone or travel with loved ones, even if they are not interested in the academic programme. We have different programmes to suit everyone's needs.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

What the academic programme includes:

- One initial introduction session online with your Spanish teacher, discussing your results from the level test, and preparations for the trip before departure
- 10+ hours' group lessons + endless hours of conversations (in Spanish, of course)
- Study materials
- Comprehensive end-of-course report
- Attendance certificate
- A surprise present or maybe more than one ;-)

Who is this programme recommended for?

Students above the age of 18 are eligible for the Adult SHIP. Under 18s are also welcome as long as they come with their parents/relatives/guardians.

You are guaranteed to love this experience if you are a/an:

- **Mature student** looking for a premium and personalised experience to improve their language skills in a short period of time
- Corporate employeee who requires higher levels of proficiency at work
- Adult wanting to improve their travel experiences whilst immersing themselves in the culture of Spain
- **Student** looking to boost their preparations for higher qualifications such as DELE or SIELE
- Travel lover seeking self-improvement on an enjoyable adventure

This **curriculum is flexible** and appropriate for any adult at any level of Spanish fluency, from beginner to advanced/proficiency.

During the **online session** before arrival, teachers will discuss with students their Spanish level test results and interests in general.

This programme provides you with many opportunities for conversation at meal times, in the evenings, and during excursions.

1. DAY 1

- Arrival at Málaga
- Light lunch on the go
- Transfer to hotel
- Room allocation at the hotel
- Welcome drinks at the hotel
- Spanish lesson at the hotel
- Dinner at the hotel



YOUR

ITINERARY

2. DAY 2

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Then we transfer by bus to the starting point, to travel the route Paco de Lucía.
- Typical lunch in the area
- Visit to Gibraltar by bus
- Spanish lesson at the hotel
- Dinner at the hotel

3. DAY 3

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Departure to visit Bolonia (city of Baelo Claudia) and Tarifa (castle of Guzmán el Bueno)
- Light lunch on the go
- Spanish lesson at the hotel
- Dinner at the hotel



YOUR ITINERARY



4. DAY 4

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit to Ceuta by ferry
- Spanish lesson on the go
- Dinner at the hotel



- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit Jimena Castellar
- Light lunch on the go
- Spanish lesson at the hotel
- Dinner at the hotel





6. DAY 6

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Free time around Algeciras
- Spanish lesson on the go
- Lunch at the hotel
- Transfer to the airport
- Return to London
- End of trip

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

A 4-STAR HOTEL IN THE HEART OF CAMPO DE GIBRALTAR

The hotel features:

- At Hotel Alborán we prioritize personal attention, family treatment and above all, we provide a careful service that exceeds your expectations when you visit us.
- Built in the purest Andalusian style, with marked Mozarabic tendencies and a typical interior patio.





- The hotel is constantly being renovated and has all the necessary equipment to ensure a pleasant stay for our guests (minibar, air conditioning, room service, LED TV, kettle, safe,...).
- We also have the following services: cafeteria, restaurant, gift store, wi-fi connection, lounges, outdoor swimming pool and outdoor terraces.

PHOTOS OF YOUR 4*HOTEL











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Blending learning with culture

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



Cádiz province

Cadiz province has some of Andalucia's most windswept beaches, prettiest white villages, and the most celebrated Spanish wine: Sherry.

Its coastline has long been peppered with fishing ports that were established by the Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans. Today, the Cadiz coast is a mecca for windsurfers, birdwatchers, and anyone who prefers a wilder shoreline with relatively few beachgoers, compared to the busier Costa del Sol.

Algeciras

Its location, on the eastern end of the Algeciras Bay, across from Gibraltar, has made it one of the most important ports in Europe, for both passengers and merchandise.

The oldest area of the city, with narrow, steep streets, is the district of San Isidro. Among the most interesting monuments we have the church of Nuestra Señora de la Palma, from the 18th century, and the chapel of Nuestra Señora de Europa, from the 17th century. It also has excellent beaches, like Rinconcillo, San García, and Getares, although a good section of its 23kilometre-long coastline is devoted to industrial development, due to its long seafaring tradition.





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Paco de Lucía tour

We will tour the hometown of the artist "PACO DE LUCÍA" in search of all the corners that inspired the master for the creation of most of his works. It is worth mentioning his birthplace, the food market, full of aromas and flavors of our land, and the high square with its peculiarities among many other places in town. At the same time we will be immersed in a historical Algeciras where we will travel back in time to learn about the different civilizations that passed through our land.

The mixture of culture that occurred over time and that today is reflected in a modern Algeciras will surprise you. Not only will we enjoy explanations, visits to monuments and ruins of the ancient city, during the tour we will do some fun activities with which we will learn about the rhythms that move our parties in the Flamenco area.





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Bolonia and Tarifa

The perfect place to immerse ourselves in a mixture of nature and culture. We will visit the ancient city of Baelo Clauida (archaeological site) at the foot of the beach of Bolonia with its impressive dunes and views of the vast Atlantic Ocean. We will continue our way to the town of Tarifa where we will continue to be amazed by its nature, history, and of course its gastronomy. It is noteworthy that at this point we will visit the island of pigeons, which apart from being the southernmost point of the peninsula, is where the waters of the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean mix with each other. Cartographically we can say that it is the boundary between two waters. We cannot forget the incredible views of the African continent that is so close.

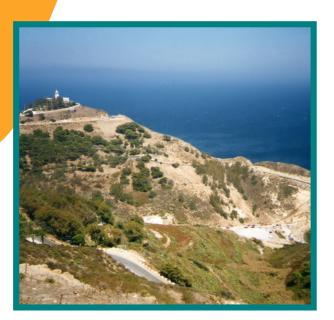
Castellar and Jimena

It is time to move a little away from the coast. Although we are still just a stone's throw from the water, the immense natural park the cork oak groves will envelop us in a unique experience full of nature and history. We will visit two incredible fortresses that are kept in a good state today and that offer us a unique experience, walking through the streets of the castle of Castellar with its wonderful views.





Blending learning with culture Our SHIP will take you on a journey to discover...



Ceuta

To speak of Ceuta is to speak of Ulysses, is to speak of Hercules (heroes of Greek mythology) the architect of the separation of Africa and Europe. In short, Ceuta is a land of myths and legends, which you will see when you visit it.

In this city you are going to know through its viewpoints and its barracks the military history of SPAIN and the relationship that exists, from the strategic-military point of view, with GIBRALTAR. You will discover in a walk through time, all the civilizations that have left their mark on the city (AFRICAN GATEWAY AND ROYAL WALLS, TARDORROMAN BASILICA) and many more things that will undoubtedly surprise you.

Gibraltar

A little piece of the United Kingdom, riched by the Cádiz province, in the form of a limestone rock about 426m-high. Have you heard of the monkeys that inhabit the rock of Gibraltar? Who knows if they surprise us during some of our explanations and stops on the tour.

Gibraltar is a British Overseas Territory and a headland on the south coast of Spain. The Rock of Gibraltar, a 426m-high limestone ridge, dominates the landscape. The outpost was first settled by the Moors in the Middle Ages and later ruled by Spain before being ceded to the British in 1713. Fortifications include the ruins of a 14th-century Moorish castle and the Great Siege Tunnels, which were expanded during WWII.



PRICES

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- An initial introduction sesson via Zoom
- Spanish level test
- Airport transfers
- Full-board accommodation
- 24/7 Spanish conversation
- 10+ hours of group Spanish lessons
- Study materials
- Daily excursions
- Tickets to all museums and events
- Travel insurance
- Wi-fi in the hotel
- Certificate and report
- Some presents (sorry, it's a surprise!)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to/from Spain*
- Any other service not included above*
- Spanish private tuition*

*Can be arranged at extra cost

PRICE PER PERSON (£) FROM 990.00

Please check our <u>Terms & Conditions</u> when booking your programme.



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We have the right Spanish homestay immersion programme to make your dream a reality!





WE HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON...



in Spanish!

