

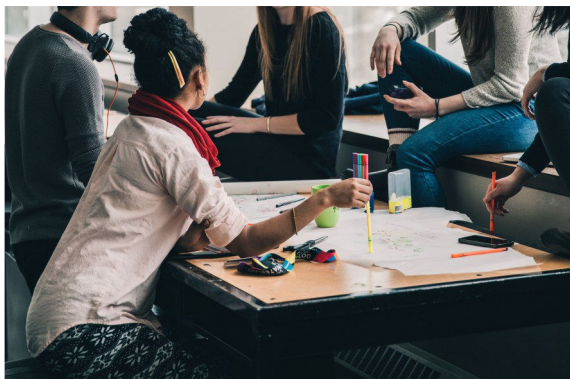


# INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS

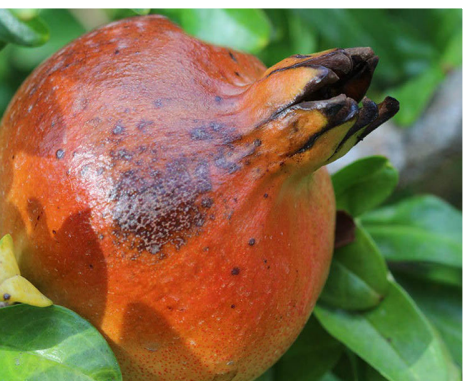
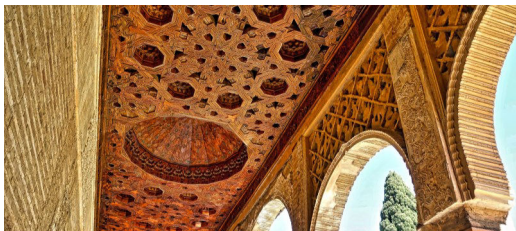


**Learning School**

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# GRANADA

If there is one city it truly evokes the essence of Spain, that city is Granada. A cross-roads of civilizations since time immemorial and in an unparalleled location, Granada is a vibrant, friendly and lively metropolis that is full of culture.

## Why Granada?

- 1** Sun and Snow, Beaches and Mountains.
- 2** Quality of Life and Personal Safety.
- 3** A University city, leisure, tapas and much more ...
- 4** Great Cultural and Sports Activities

Its original white walls which fill the streets with such an amazing light and the reddest stone of the Moorish palace of the Alhambra give the city a feeling of taking part of the history through the three cultures that remain in there.

The diverse styles of architecture are mixed in the streets and squares of the Albayzin, the Jewish neighborhood. Palaces, cloisters, churches and mosques fascinate the visitors and charm those who live in the city either for a short or a long time.

The Alhambra, the flagship of the city's vast historical heritage, stands on a hilltop overlooking a city that attracts around three million visitors every year.





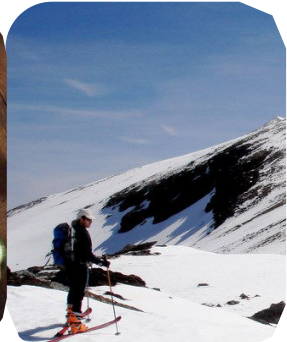
The artistic diversity of this intimate city, full of personality, invites the visitor to discover its infinite corners where incredibly beautiful buildings can be found.

As a result of this combination of cultures we can visit the cathedral, a symbol of Granada's Christianity and an excellent place to start a stroll through the heart of the city.

The Royal Chapel, the Catholic Monarch's mausoleum, is nearby, and, a little further on, the Monastery of San Jerónimo, an outstanding jewel of the Renaissance.

Granada is not only a monumental city but also a place surrounded by rich nature like Sierra Nevada National Park, where you can go skiing on its slopes or hiking without forgetting that the coast with its incredible beaches is only 50 kms away.

Granada is the number one European destination for Erasmus students thanks to its well-known University and student life that remains to be intrinsic to the culture of the city. Granada wins the heart of everyone visiting or living in it.







## A REAL INTERNATIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

### Why Choose us?

- ✓ Proven experience
- ✓ A unique learning environment
- ✓ Personalized student approach
- ✓ Top facilities
- ✓ High- Quality Teaching.

**Itaca** gives its international students the opportunity to feel, enjoy and be an active part of the unique way of life, which is so different from their own: the Spanish way of life.

At Itaca, education does not finish in class. We assure that each one of the activities we organize offers you the opportunity to see a different aspect of Spanish life.

With the visits to the historic monuments, the weekend excursions to different cities, in the flamenco or guitar classes and on the tapas tours through the city, our objective is always the same: to not only educate you, but to show you the life further on, too.

Founded in 2012, Itaca is located close to the city center, less than a 15-minute walk from the Genil River that goes through the city.



We are committed to give you all the support and advice you need before, during and after your stay in Granada.

Our staff will help you find the most suitable program depending on your student's academic, professional or personal needs and objectives.



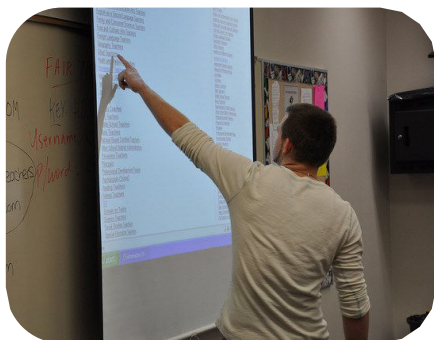
We are young, dynamic and motivated. Our wide and solid experience makes us experts in teaching and providing services such as accommodation and socio-cultural activities.

Furthermore, our group of coordinators will accompany you during all socio-cultural activities we organize.

Our aim is to offer the highest quality service whilst learning with the maximum flexibility for a reasonable price.

Therefore, it is possible to change classes any time if you think that the one you are in is not suitable.

You can also change your accommodation if you do not feel comfortable with the one assigned. We will adapt to your needs as much as we can.





# OUR PROGRAMS

## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

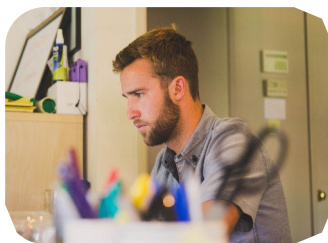
- You can start your course any Monday of the year, unless you are a complete beginner. In this case you can start only on the dates on the registration form.
- You can change to another class in the first two days of the program. The Head of Studies is always available to recommend you the best option depending on your needs.
- Spanish classes are from Monday to Friday in the morning.
- Classes consist of students from various nationalities and similar ages to encourage language exchanges in Spanish.
- We provide the materials for natural, practical, quick and effective learning.
- Homework is optional though contributes to a better use of your time in Spain and a quicker progress rate.
- Final test and Certificate when you finish each level.
- Weekly lectures on Art, History, Literature and Culture.
- You will make fast progress thanks to daily classes, complemented by our cultural program and the interaction with your host family or language exchanges.



## OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDES

- The courses are given throughout the entire year at all levels.
- Class materials: books, paper, a pen and a folder.
- Free tutorials if the Director of Studies considers it necessary.
- Specialized library.
- Placement test before starting the course and Diploma and Certificate of Attendance at the end of the course (it is required to have at least a 90% attendance)
- Language Exchanges with Spanish students.
- The school has computers with free internet access and wifi.
- Free reception of telephone calls and faxes.
- Quality accommodations
- A great variety of daily socio-cultural activities, most of them free and information about cultural activities and events taking place in Granada.

## OUR TEACHERS



All our teachers are professionals with much experience. They have the highest university qualifications and specialist fields. The teachers are, without a doubt, the most valuable part of our school.

Students consistently emphasize our teachers' enthusiasm, competence, and commitment.



# ACCOMMODATION

## HOMESTAY

Staying with a Spanish family is a good complement to the course because it will help you take 100% advantage of your stay. It will also give you a chance to get to know the authentic Spanish lifestyle and help you master Spanish a lot easier.

- Families experience in hosting international students and who have worked with us for many years.
- Families made up of father, mother and children or mother and children or couples without children.
- Possibility of receiving telephone calls for free.
- Option of a single, double or triple room.
- Half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner) or full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- Washing of clothes is included



## DORMS

If you're looking for comfort and quality while being able to make friends with people from all over the world, this is the ideal accommodation for you.

- Situated in or near the city center.
- Big rooms, private or shared bathroom, wireless internet connection, communal areas with television, DVD and music equipment.
- Sheets and towels are available.
- Option of a single, double or triple room.
- Half board (breakfast and lunch or dinner) or full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- Possibility of laundry service (not included in the price).



## ITACA GUARANTEES

- We bear in mind any special requirements such as a vegetarian diet, allergy to certain animals, etc.
- Prices include all the usual bills (electricity, gas, water and local taxes).
- It is possible to stay with a host family, at a dorm, student apartment, private apartment, hotel, hostel, youth hostel... It is also possible to combine different accommodations for stays over four weeks.
- If you are not satisfied with the accommodation, we will change it as quickly as possible.





# CULTURAL & FIELD ACTIVITIES

## Granada City Tour

The city tour takes place on the first day of class and gives the student the opportunity to get to know the monuments and places of interest in Granada. Furthermore, we offer more specialized visits.

Accompanied by a teacher, the student will get to know the history, the artistic details and the secrets of the most significant monuments of the city.

## Films

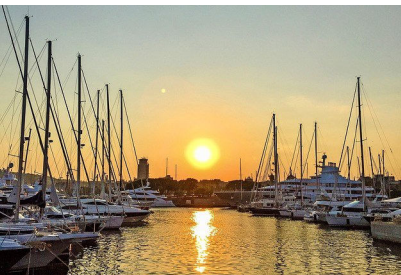
Watching films in Spanish is a good way to learn new vocabulary and improve fluency.

For this reason, from Monday to Thursday we show Spanish films, or films dubbed into Spanish.

## Conferences & Presentations

We analyze all the aspects of the cultural and social life of Spain.

We offer history and art presentations, literature conferences and also deal with culture. This activity is one of the key points in our program.



## Excursion

Traveling through Spain with Itaca, visiting the cities and discovering the great geographic contrasts will make this trip unforgettable.

Each weekend we give students a chance to visit the magical cities of Andalusia, bursting with culture or the interior of Spain, with its national heritage cities. Examples of excursions could be a trip to Madrid, an excursion to the Tropical coast of Granada, a visit to Cordoba, a day at The Alpujarras, etc.

## Tapas Tour

One of the most typical Spanish customs, which helps students to get to know each other and the teachers, making friends for life. Every week we go to a selection of bars where, together with a drink, we eat a local dish. This activity gives the students the chance of getting to know the gastronomic culture of the country.

## Cooking Classes

Every week we offer cooking classes in which we teach the students how to prepare some of the most delicious and typical tapas of our country.

## Flamenco music and dancing

Every week we offer Sevillana dance classes. Furthermore, we give weekly Spanish guitar classes .

## Skiing

Granada is also very well-known for its mountains in particular Sierra Nevada. We offer skiing and snowboard lessons, forfaits and excursions.





# SPANISH COURSES

## SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The class starts every day with a grammar structure and its practical application through exercises based on real situations.

After this, oral expression and auditive comprehension related to the previous exercises will be practiced in order to consolidate what has been learned. Written skills will also be practiced, as well as reading based on cultural themes in order to amplify the student's vocabulary. All the exercises are focused on real communicative situations.

**Classes per week: 20 (4 daily)**

**Duration: 1 – 50 weeks**

**Levels: A1 – C2**

**Start date: Please consult us.**

**Students per class: 8 – 12**

## SPECIFIC SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The content of this course is similar to the previous one, complemented by a fifth weekly lesson, to be chosen from the following:

- Communication Activities
- Spanish Literature
- History of Spanish Art
- Business Spanish
- Medical Spanish

**Classes per week :25 (5 daily)**

**Duration: 1 – 24 weeks**

**Levels :A1 – C2**

**Start date: Please consult us**

**Students per class: 8 – 12**



## PREPARATION FOR DELE (DIPLOMA DE ESPAÑOL COMO LENGUA EXTRANJERA )

The DELE is the only officially recognized diploma by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science. It is issued by the Instituto Cervantes on behalf of the Spanish Government. It is also widely reputed in the business world. It has several levels and a certain Spanish level is required for all of them.

The exams are in the second or third week (depending on the year) of May, August and November. Given that the exam has an oral and a written part, the course includes a great amount of audio-visual comprehensions, specialised texts and compositions that gradually get more complicated, depending on the level the student would like to prepare for. During class you will also work with past exam papers and take mock exams.

**Classes per week: 20 (4 daily)**  
**Duration: 1 – 12 weeks**  
**Levels: A1 – C2**  
**Starting from 1 to 12 weeks before the exams**  
**Students per class: 8 – 12**

## PRIVATE LESSON

Given that there is only one student per class, you decide the number of hours per week, the timetable and the contents.

This is a course which is recommended, above all, if there is little time available or if you wish to complement any part of another course we offer. It is especially appropriate for those students who need specific content or for those who want to reinforce the knowledge acquired in the group classes.

**Classes per week: Flexible**  
**Duration :Flexible**  
**Levels: A1 – C2**  
**Start date: Please consult us**  
**Students per class: 1**



## SPANISH COURSES FOR GROUPS ORGANISED IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

### GROUPS OF TEENAGERS

An immersion open programme for groups organized by Spanish teachers in their home country. Open means that the current interests of its teachers will be introduced in both fields, language and activities programme.

Teachers who repeat these programs year after year agree that it is an intensive experience for students which determines a transformation in its attitude and commitment for achieving the goals of its academic year in Spanish.

**Classes per week: 20 (4 daily)**

**Duration: 1 – 4 weeks**

**Levels: A1 – C2**

**Start date: Please consult us**

Our immersion programme includes:



**Spanish Lessons**



**Immersion activities**



**Full board accommodation in hotels or Spanish host families**



**Free WIFI connection**



**Certificate of attendance**

## ONE WEEK AT ITACA

### Monday

**8:30** Placement test  
(if you have not taken it online)  
**8:45** Checking class list  
(in order to know where your class is)  
**9:00** Orientation Session  
(you will get a backpack, paper,  
useful guide, map...)  
**9:30 - 11:00** Spanish Language Class  
**11:15 - 12:45** Listening, Reading  
Writing and Speaking Lesson  
**13:00 - 14:00** Specific Spanish Class  
**14:30** Lunch  
**16:30** Granada Guided Tour  
**18:30** Snack (Churros and hot  
chocolate)

### Tuesday

**9:30** Spanish Language  
Class  
**11:00** Break  
**11:15** Listening,  
Reading Writing and  
Speaking Lesson  
**12:45** Break  
**13:00** Specific Spanish Class  
**14:00** End of Classes  
**14:30** Lunch  
**17:30** Guided Visit to the  
Cathedral, Royal Chapel  
**20:00** Tapas tour

### Wednesday

**9:30** Spanish Language Class  
**11:00** Break  
**11:15** Listening, Reading Writing  
and Speaking Lesson  
**12:45** Break  
**13:00** Specific Spanish Class  
**14:00** End of Classes  
**14:30** Lunch  
**16:30** Spanish Film +  
Videoforum

### Thursday

**9:30** Spanish Language Class  
**11:00** Break  
**11:15** Listening, Reading Writing  
and Speaking Lesson  
**12:45** Break  
**1:00** Specific Spanish Class  
**2:00** End of Classes  
**2:30** Lunch  
**4:30** Cooking class  
**6:00** Sports competition

### Friday

**9:30** Spanish Language Class  
**11:00** Break  
**11:15** Listening, Reading Writing  
and Speaking Lesson  
**12:45** Break  
**13:00** Specific Spanish Class  
**14:00** End of Classes  
**14:30** Lunch  
**16:30** Albaycín guided tour  
**20:00** Flamenco show

### Saturday

**9:00**  
Excursion to  
Córdoba  
Mezquita  
Alcazar  
Torre Calahorra  
**20:00** Arrival at  
Granada

### Sunday

**10:00**  
Alhambra  
guided visit.





# ERASMUS+ COURSES



These courses are ideal for all educators (primary & secondary teachers, university staff (academic & admin), adult educators, trainers & coaches) who want to improve their language level.

It aims to give participants a basic knowledge of reading, listening, spoken and written skills in a dynamic and communicative way, through individual, pair and group work and pre-recorded and authentic texts.

Course participants will be expected to use the range of resources available to them during the training and to communicate with native speakers wherever possible, in order to develop cultural competence.

These courses are designed to be very flexible and can be adapted to suit the specific needs of the participants.

**Classes per week: 20 (4 daily)**

**Duration: 1 – 50 weeks**

**Levels: A1 – C2**

**Start date: Please consult us**

**Students per class: 8 – 12**

## EDUCATION THROUGH ROBOTICS

This course aims to provide teachers with the tools they need to make robotics an essential part of our current education system, such as LEGO education, BeeBot and Mindstorm EV3.



Our programme is mainly practical and experiential using the methodology that we can use in the classroom (primary or secondary) and giving the teachers the resources that they need to work with the students using the innovation as a main part of the educational curriculum.

## EDUCATION THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Education institutions are under the increasing pressure to become responsive to student needs, and there is a growing scrutiny of their role in local communities.

By supporting entrepreneurs, institutions can broaden the student experience and make an economic and social impact. This training aims to make education more student-led, through implementation of entrepreneurship programs for its students.



## MONTESSORI'S METHOD

Maria Montessori was a truly remarkable woman. As the first female doctor in Italy, she was centuries ahead of her time and continues to be an inspiration for women and children all over the world. Throughout this course programme, you can learn more about Montessori, approaches to providing a Montessori inspired learning environment and how to use her methods and techniques.

Educationalists around the world are realizing more and more that Montessori offers an unparalleled learning environment for young children.





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