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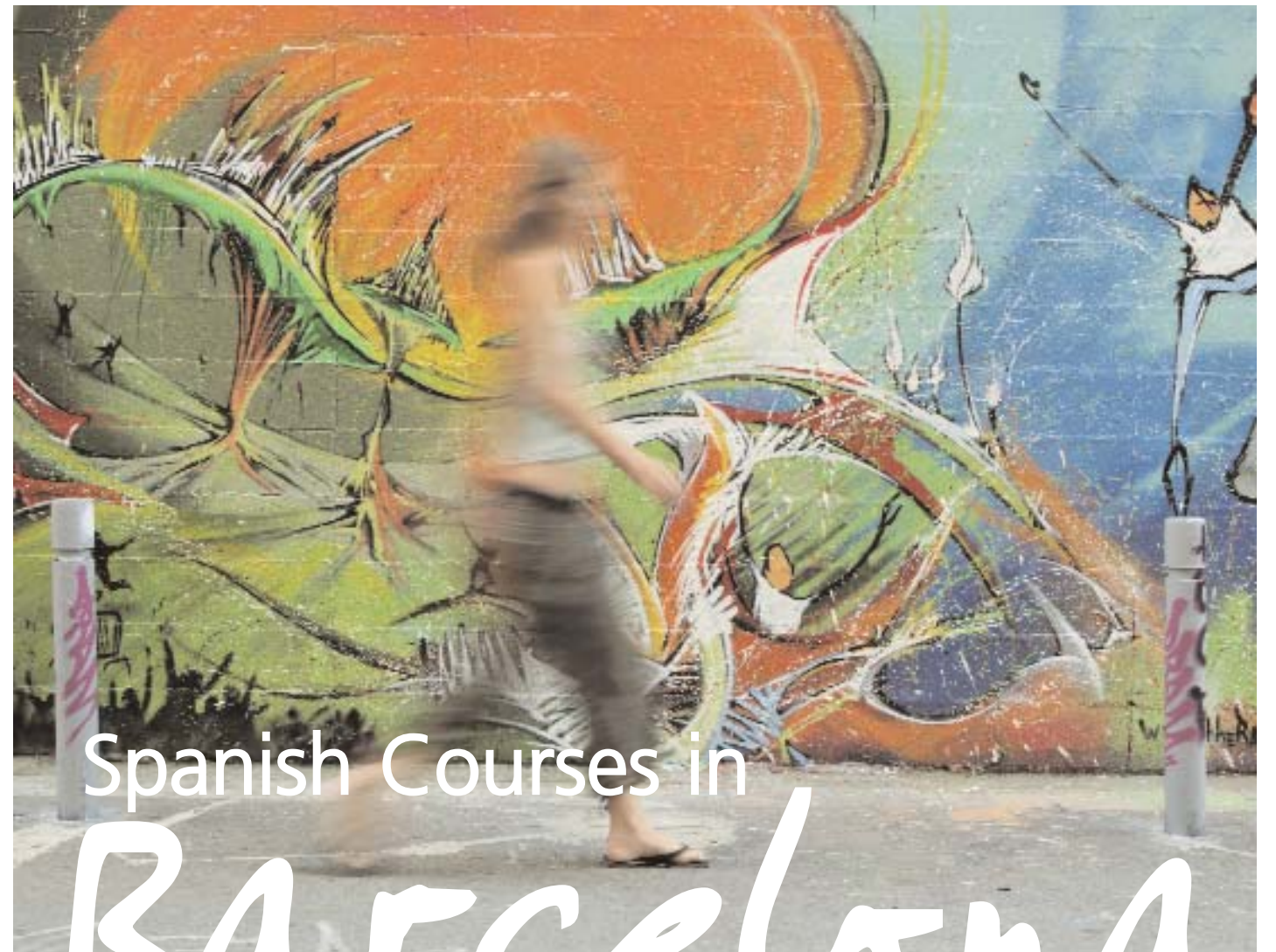
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Spanish Courses in Barcelona

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Barcelona

So much to experience, so much to enjoy!

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IH Barcelona

A centre of excellence for over 30 years.

Founded in 1972, International House Barcelona is one of the longest established and most successful language schools in Spain.

The school occupies six floors of an elegant Barcelona town house located in the very centre of the city, less than five minutes walk from the Plaza Catalunya, the city's main square.

The building dates from the end of the 19th Century and has a distinctive triangular shape. It has a large decorative entrance, high ceilings, a marble staircase and plenty of natural light. It also has over 40 air-conditioned classrooms, a library and study room and an Internet access room, which is open all day and free for registered students. We also have a 'typically Spanish' bar (with terrace) in the school which serves a wide range of hot and cold food and drink throughout the day.

*Come for class,
stay all day!*

IH Barcelona is the only language school in the city recommended by both:



'A unique cocktail of courses and students...'

IH Barcelona really is an International House. We have students from all over the world taking Spanish courses with us; we have two large and prestigious teacher training departments training people to teach either Spanish or English as a foreign language; and we also teach English, German and French to the local population, so there are always hundreds of native Spanish speakers studying with us in the school. This unique cocktail of courses and students helps create an extraordinary atmosphere and means that meeting people who speak the language you're studying couldn't be easier.

"I have met many interesting students from different countries . . . and have learned so much from them as well"

Tomas , SWEDEN

"To all future students considering coming to Barcelona I would ask them to abandon all their doubts . . . and come to Barcelona pronto!!"

Nivedita, INDIA

Our teachers

Our competitive advantage...

IH Barcelona has an international reputation as one of Spain's leading teacher training centres, training more teachers of Spanish each year than any other private training institution.



«As a language teacher trainer with over 20 years experience it was wonderful to see research in practice. I highly recommend International House» Judith, UK

Most schools claim to have great teachers and IH Barcelona is no exception. The difference is that we know our teachers are great because we've trained them how to teach Spanish effectively ourselves and we've seen them in action (teaching guinea pig students on our intensive training courses) before we contract them to work with us. What's more, teacher training at IH Barcelona is an on-going process. We're constantly organising seminars and training sessions to keep our teachers up-to-date with all the latest developments in language teaching methodology.



IH Barcelona has an international reputation as a teacher training centre. Not only do we train more teachers of Spanish each year than any other private training institution in Spain, we also organise the largest conference for Spanish teachers held anywhere in Europe. Each year over 300 Spanish teachers from over 20 countries attend our Spanish Teachers' Conference to share their experiences and discuss teaching methodology.

Not surprisingly, our teachers and teacher trainers (both past and present) have also been responsible for writing a large number of the best selling Spanish language text books and books on teaching methodology.

'Our methodology, designed to help you communicate.'

The main goal of most of our courses is to help our students develop their communicative skills. The best way to accomplish this is to conduct the classes entirely in Spanish and to provide students with plenty of opportunity for oral practice.

This does not mean that other areas are neglected; our students also work on reading and writing skills, grammar and vocabulary.

'But we don't just want you to know Spanish; we want you to be able to use it.'

Our students

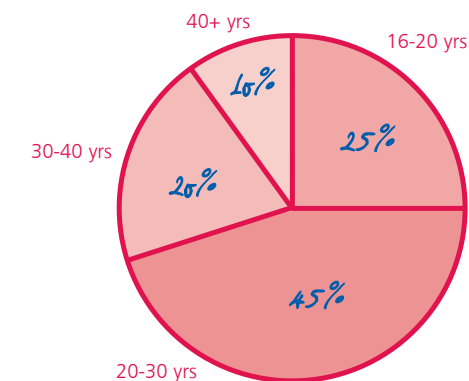
Your new friends...

Thousands of students study Spanish at IH Barcelona every year. They come from all over the world and they're from all sorts of different backgrounds. Many are full-time students back at home, others are professional people who need Spanish in their work, some may recently have moved to Spain to live, others may be retired and studying Spanish as a hobby. The reasons people come and study with us are as many and varied as the students themselves. One thing you can be sure of is that you'll make lots of new friends.

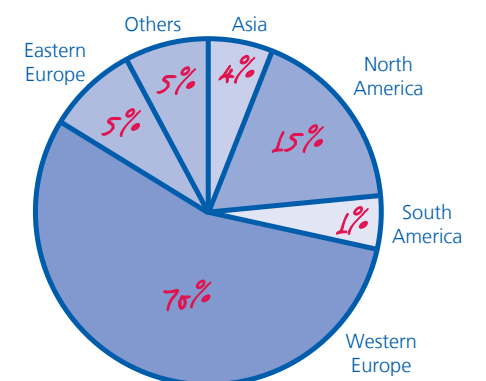
Top 10 Nationalities

1. American
2. Italian
3. British
4. German
5. Dutch
6. French
7. Swiss
8. Japanese
9. Swedish
10. Austrian

Age range of students on our Intensive Group Course:



Nationalities of students on our Intensive Group Course:



«Barcelona is so beautiful and well worth visiting. I think it is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and I really like it here.»

Etery, RUSSIA

«My Spanish has got a lot better and I can now understand much more. I have met so many people and have made lots of good friends.»

Raïssa, HOLLAND

«Whether you are looking to study either short or long-term IH Barcelona is a great choice.»

Hung-Yi, TAIWAN



Our courses

Something for everyone, including you...

IH Barcelona offers a wide range of Spanish courses designed to cater for a wide variety of needs and interests. The following list is a selection of our most popular courses. If you don't find what you're looking for here, that doesn't mean we can't help you.



1. Intensive Group Courses

This is our 'standard' Spanish course which is taken by 90% of our adult students. It consists of 20 hours tuition per week with classes normally held from 09.30-13.30, Monday to Friday.

We offer ten levels of study which range from absolute beginners to very advanced. Students with some knowledge of Spanish can start any Monday throughout the year (except public holidays). Courses for complete beginners start on alternate Mondays.

2. Intensive Plus Courses

Designed for students who want to study more than 20 hours week, these courses combine an Intensive Group Course with extra conversation classes in the afternoons. The afternoon sessions, which run from 14.30 to 16.00, Tuesday to Friday, are designed to give students the opportunity to develop their speaking and comprehension skills by talking about various aspects of Spanish culture and history. Some afternoon sessions may take place outside the school.

Minimum Level: Lower Intermediate

3. DELE Preparation Courses

The "Instituto Cervantes" organises exams in the Spanish language known as "Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera" (or DELE) examinations. The exams are offered at three levels: "Inicial", "Intermedio" and "Superior".

IH Barcelona offers courses designed to prepare students for these DELE exams. Each course lasts for 4 weeks and includes 20 hours of tuition per week.

The minimum level required to take the DELE Preparation course is Lower Intermediate. If you're not sure of your level, try our free on-line level test which you'll find on our website.

Minimum Level: Lower Intermediate

4. Business Spanish Courses

The aim of the courses is to help improve the students' level of competency in a range of work related activities such as participating in meetings, using the telephone for business, negotiating and selling, making presentations, etc. Students are also introduced to a wide range of business vocabulary and given an insight into the sort of cultural differences that they may come across while working or doing business in a Spanish speaking country.

Business Spanish courses consist of 4 or 6 hours tuition per day for 2 weeks making 40 or 60 hours in total. Students who take the 60 hour course can take an exam at the end of the course, organised by the Madrid Chamber of Commerce.

Minimum Level: Intermediate

5. Summer course for Teenagers in Tarragona (13-17)

Tarragona is an ideal location for teenagers. Situated on the Costa Dorada (Gold Coast) approximately 100 km south of Barcelona, Tarragona is lively, but not too big; it has its own sandy beaches within walking distance of the school; it is very close to Port Aventura - one of Europe's largest theme parks - and it is only an hour from Barcelona.

The course includes:

- Airport transfer service on arrival and departure
- 3 hours of Spanish classes per day in multinational groups
- All teaching materials, tests and certificates
- Accommodation on a full board basis with a Spanish host family or in the student residence
- A full and varied programme of sports and other activities including local visits and excursions
- Basic medical insurance

6. Courses for the Over 50s

These 2-week courses are designed for students over the age of 50 who prefer to study and socialise with people of their own age. The course consists of 3 hours a day of Spanish classes, which take place from 10.00 to 13.00, Monday to Friday. The course also includes a special programme of visits to places of interest inside the city, a lunch or dinner in a typical Barcelona restaurant, and an excursion outside Barcelona at the weekend.

7. Individual Tuition

Students can take from 1 to 6 hours of individual tuition per day. Students can either study entirely in this way, or, if they prefer, combine an Intensive Group Course in the mornings with 1, 2 or more hours of individual tuition in the afternoons.

The contents, times and starting dates of these private classes can be arranged to suit the individual student's needs.

We can also offer similarly tailor-made classes for two students studying together providing they have similar levels and linguistic needs.

8. The Executive Plus Course

This is a 5-day super-intensive Spanish language course designed for people who need to make a lot of progress in a very short space of time.

Each course includes:

- 30 hours of one-to-one tuition.
- Working lunch with teachers every day.
- Guided individual project work.
- Use of up-to-date, authentic study materials.
- Visits to Spanish companies (arranged on request).
- Two dinners during the course with teachers.
- Optional evening cultural programme (to be arranged by agreement).

Executive Plus courses can start any Monday throughout the year.

GENERAL NOTES:

Maximum no. of students per class in Barcelona: 10

Average no. students per class: 7

1 hour = 55 minutes

"If you are looking to learn or improve your Spanish, you will not be disappointed"

Richard, UK



«Moving to Spain and having to learn Spanish was a big decision, but studying at IH Barcelona has made it all possible.»

Michael, USA

¡Vívelo!

«My Spanish teachers were just great - encouraging us to speak Spanish at every opportunity»

Elena, SWITZERLAND



9. Spanish Internships

This programme combines a 4-week (or more) Intensive Spanish course with a 12-week (or more) work experience programme in a company based in or near Barcelona. The work experience component is designed to help students learn job-related skills while practising their Spanish. Work experience is considered to be a training programme and students are therefore not paid for their time.

Students interested in following an Internship programme should apply at least 3 months in advance of their preferred starting date. This will provide us with plenty of time to find a suitable company prepared to offer the work experience component. Students should indicate on their application form which sector or industry they are interested in working in (e.g. tourism, shipping, insurance, architecture, horticulture, etc.). We will then do our best to find a position in a company working in each student's preferred field.

All students applying for an internship should send us a copy of their CV, together with a recent photo.

Please note that because of certain legal restrictions, this programme is only open to full-time students from the European Union.

Minimum Level: Intermediate

10. Spanish at Work

This programme offers students the opportunity to develop their Spanish while being paid to work in the tourist sector. Students first take an Intensive Group Course at the school for a minimum of 6 weeks. During this time we will organise job interviews with local companies through local employment agencies. Students studying with us for 6-12 weeks have to pay a work placement fee. Students studying with us for more than 12 weeks are not charged for the work placement.

Following their course, students who are offered employment may then work for 2-6 months in a hotel, bar or restaurant. Pay and conditions of employment vary from company to company.

Please note that because of certain legal restrictions, this programme is only open to citizens of the European Union.

Minimum Level: Lower Intermediate

11. On-line Spanish Courses

IH Barcelona is the birthplace of Net Languages - one of the world's leading virtual language schools. Net Languages offers a range of Web-based language courses including Spanish courses for adults (16 or over).

Each course (or level) consists of 120-150 hours of study materials and includes individual tutorials with qualified language instructors, most of whom are themselves IH teachers. Students who buy a course are also given access to all the resources of our virtual language school (the library, study centre, café, etc.) and through the school they also have access to our growing community of language learners around the world.

12. Intensive Group Courses in different cities

IH Barcelona offers students the possibility of combining their studies in Barcelona with a similar course in a different part of the country. In other words, students can now take a course in Barcelona of 2, 3, 4 or more weeks and then continue their studies in Palma, Madrid, San Sebastian, Sevilla or one of a number of other IH schools in Spain.

13. Custom-designed Courses for Special, Closed Groups

IH Barcelona can design and give "made-to-measure" courses at any time of the year for any kind of group. We will be pleased to send you a quotation for any specific course programme you would like us to design for you.

14. Extensive Group Courses

Our Extensive Group Courses are designed for people who are living and/or working in Barcelona and don't have the time available to study intensively. These courses consist of 4 hours of class per week with each course lasting 10 weeks (a term). We offer these extensive group courses at all levels from beginners to very advanced. We also offer a number of specialist courses on an extensive basis such as DELE Preparation Courses, Spanish for Business, etc.*

15. Spanish Teacher Training Courses

IH Barcelona has been training teachers of Spanish since 1986 and we currently train around 250 Spanish language teachers per year. We offer three basic course programmes:

- Introductory Courses for people with little or no previous teaching experience
- Advanced Course for experienced teachers
- Methodology and Culture Courses for non-native teachers of Spanish

IH Barcelona can also provide tailor-made teacher training courses to suit the needs and requirements of any particular group of teachers.



INCLUDED IN ALL COURSES: Registration, classes, level test, all course materials, certificates, programme of social & cultural activities, student card and access to all the school facilities.

* All course materials are included except on the Extensive Group Courses.

Accommodation

No place like home?

„My host family was fantastic. By the end of my time in Barcelona I was one of the family and have been invited back anytime.”

Lena, GERMANY



1. Host families

All our host families have been carefully selected by our accommodation department and many of them have been working with us for years. Students are always accommodated in single rooms (unless a couple request to share) and they can choose between Bed and Breakfast or Half Board (which includes dinner in the evening).

2. Executive host families

Some of our families can offer students a number of extra services such as their own private bathroom, as well as a laundry and ironing service. These 'executive families' also offer both bed and breakfast and half board.



3. Rooms in shared apartments

IH Barcelona can offer students a single or double room in a fully furnished apartment which they share with other students. Meals are not included but the fee does include a weekly cleaning service as well as the use of linen and towels.



4. Private apartments

IH Barcelona also offers students the option of renting their own private apartment for their own exclusive use. Prices vary according to the size of the apartment.

5. Student residences

In July, August and September,* IH Barcelona is able to offer students accommodation in one of the city's university residences. Students can choose

single or shared rooms with bed and breakfast or half board.

* **Please note** that a limited number of rooms in student residences are available throughout the year. Please contact our Spanish department for details on availability.

6. Hotels and hostels

As one of the world's leading tourist destinations Barcelona has a huge number of hotels and hostels to choose from, many of which are less than a 10-minute walk from the school. IH Barcelona is happy to provide students with prices and help make reservations.

GENERAL NOTES

All our accommodation is normally reserved from the Sunday preceding the course until the Saturday after the course ends. If needed extra nights can usually be arranged on request.

While some accommodation is within walking distance of the school, other accommodation may be 20-25 minutes away by public transport. Our aim is always to provide the highest standard of accommodation for our students, irrespective of distance from the school.

„IH Barcelona being in the centre of the city made getting to my accommodation very easy.”

Claudia, FRANCE

Social Programme

Will you be able to fit it all in?

„The IH Social Programme is ideal for making more friends and practising your Spanish whilst getting to know different parts of the city”

Francesco, ITALY

When you're not studying you'll want to meet people, get to know the city and its surroundings and practice your Spanish. To help you do all this IH Barcelona organises an interesting and varied programme of social activities that regularly includes a welcome cocktail on the first day of the course, guided visits to places of interest in and around Barcelona, conversation exchange evenings with Spanish people studying English or other languages, cycle tours of the city, trips to the beach or to the cinema, white water rafting in the Pyrenees, scuba diving on the Costa Brava, etc.

Many of these activities are included free as part of the course programme; other activities involving transport, entrance fees or the hire of equipment are charged at cost price.

Sample Social Programme

Week 1

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Welcome to IH cocktail party

Guided tour of the Gothic Quarter

Visit to the Picasso Museum

Visit to Gaudi's Sagrada Familia

IH Friday Club

Full-day excursion to the Costa Brava, Figueras and Dalí Museum

Week 2

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

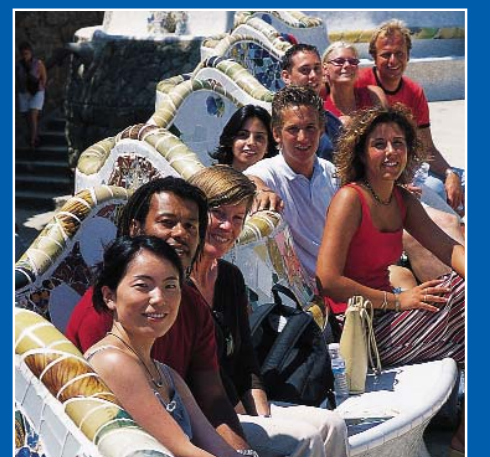
Friday

Visit to Barcelona City Museum

Salsa lesson

Visit to Gaudi's Parc Güell

Evening visit to tapas bar or to a disco



„The social activities are brilliant! I got to know more people as well as a lot about Gaudi and Picasso too!”

Erin, USA

Why study at IH Barcelona?

There are many, many reasons. Here are just a few:

- We have a great school building located in the very centre of the city.
- We have over 30 years experience teaching Spanish and that has taught us quite a lot.
- We are a learning organisation - we know we need to keep training ourselves in order to benefit our students.
- We only employ teachers who have taken a specialised training course and have already demonstrated their ability to teach effectively.
- We try very hard to make students feel welcome from their very first contact with us.
- A huge proportion of our students come through personal recommendations from people who have already studied with us.
- The school is always full of people from all over the world who are actively engaged in either learning how to speak a language or learning how to teach one. The amount of interaction between all these people is incredible - and hugely beneficial.
- We have a great range of accommodation options which all offer excellent value for money.
- We operate a strict code of practise which ensures the highest standards in everything we do and say.
- We know we're not the cheapest school in town, but we also know that we offer great value for money.

How to get to school



By metro:

- Red line (1):** Urquinaona, Catalunya, Arc de Triomf
Yellow line (4): Urquinaona
Green line (3): Catalunya



Ferrocarriles: Catalunya



By train:

Catalunya, Arc de Triomf, Passeig de Gràcia



By bus:

Any bus that stops at Plaza Catalunya, Plaza Urquinaona or Arc de Triomf



From the airport:

Airbus or train to Plaza Catalunya

Central Barcelona City Map



Accreditations & Recommendations



Bildungsurlaub

