



**LEARN SPANISH!  
MEET PEOPLE!  
ENJOY THE CITY!**

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## OUR PHILOSOPHY



# learn Spanish, meet people and enjoy the city!



Since opening our doors to overseas students in 2001, our goal has always been for students to learn **in a pleasant, fun and effective way** – Barcelona makes this an ideal environment.

We also want you **to have a really positive and fulfilling personal experience** while living in Barcelona.

Our school's ethos and size allows us to **attend to you personally** and help you with your requirements.

Our team is **pleased to help you** with information for sightseeing, visas, jobs or anything to enhance your stay while you are with us.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

# methodology: communicative, dynamic and participative!

Our **teachers are native speakers**, university educated and trained to teach Spanish as a foreign language through courses and seminars.

You have classes focused on conversation, grammar and vocabulary, although **we pay special attention to conversation**; we want you to be speaking Spanish in your daily life quickly.

We produce **our own material made by our teachers** with the support of our Spanish Studier Director and our Studier Director.

We have **our own compilation of the best material** from the most popular Spanish books.

Students work in **small classes** - 7 on average but a maximum of 10. This allows the teacher to dedicate more time to our students' learning needs.

The school enjoys an **international atmosphere**, welcoming 45 nationalities and making cultural exchange easy between our students.

We teach **six levels (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2) and follow the EU directive** for second languages learning.

Before beginning the course, you take a **grammar and speaking test** to assess your level of Spanish. This places you at the correct level, and at the end of your course you receive a **language certificate**.

At Kingsbrook, you get **free use of computers** with Internet access as well as **free Wi-Fi** connection in all areas of the school.





## THE SCHOOL

# comfortable and attractive design!

Kingsbrook has an **attractive design**, which makes the school a perfect place to study Spanish.

We **opened in 2001** with 7 classrooms for a total of 14 classrooms actually.

Our classrooms are **well climate with air conditioned, fans and heaters**.

We have a **study room** where you can work comfortably. Here, once a week, our teachers give **free review lessons** and help you with any questions.

Our **two eRooms** have free Internet access and DVD-ROMs of grammar exercises, vocabulary, listening and DELE preparation if you want to continue studying after your classes.

**Coffee area** with sofas and tables where you can socialise with other students, listen to music or just pick up a bcn culture & leisure magazine.

**Snack area** with cold drinks, coffees, biscuits, salads, sweets...

Borrow free from our **library**. It holds Spanish and international novels and movies, books on sports and adventure, grammar, guide books, documentaries and music DVD's.

Two terraces where relax and talk to your teachers and classmates.

**Language exchange board** to meet Spanish people studying other languages at our school and exchange languages while sharing culture.

## COURSES

# covering all your language needs!

Choose from **semi-intensives courses** for those who have limited time to study **to really intensive courses** for those who want to advance very quickly in a short period of time.

We run classes in the **morning, afternoon and evening**.

You can choose **group courses, 'plus courses'** (combination of group + private classes) **or private classes**.

You can **personalise one-to-one tuition** – studying through Business Spanish, Examinations Preparation, Reading, Writing, Conversation or other subjects of interest for the students.

In our classes, you will learn grammar in a **practical and dynamic way**. We teach through functional language acquisition – in other words you **explore and learn concepts through real-life language situations**.



DELE EXAMINATIONS

# the only certificate officially recognised worldwide!

D.E.L.E. (Diploma de Español de Lengua Extranjera / Diploma in Spanish as a Foreign Language) is the **only certificate in Spanish** as a foreign language **recognised by the Spanish Ministry of Education.**

This diploma is **gaining more and more international relevance**, especially for those who wish to study at a Spanish speaking university, or



for anyone who wants to work in Spain or other Spanish speaking markets.

The D.E.L.E. is structured in **three levels: Initial, Intermediate and Superior.**

**Initial level:** credits a level of Spanish sufficient to control situations that require basic communication.

**Intermediate level:** credits a level of Spanish sufficient for autonomous communication in day-to-day situations where specialised language is not required.

**Superior level:** credits an advanced level of communication competency for any given situation, in addition to cultural knowledge.

You can sit the exam **throughout the world in May and November** every year, and **Spain has an additional sitting in August.**

You can register for the exam up to one month before the exam.



## ACCOMMODATION

# find your place in Barcelona!

We **carefully select** and coordinate all of our accommodation options. These are located **near or within easy reach** (walking/bus/metro) **of the school.**

We **regularly review** the accommodation to assure that you are well placed.

All our accommodations offer **free internet connection.**

Our comprehensive accommodation service includes **homestay, shared apartment, student residence, private studio, or a choice of hotels.**

Can be a **single room, a double room, self-catering, bed and breakfast, half board, full board...** choose the option that suits you best.

The **double room sharing option** is only available for two people booking together, except in July and August when you can book individually in a shared room.

**Check in & check out** is on a Saturday or a Sunday. You also have the flexibility to arrive on other days with additional day(s) surcharge.

SOCIAL LIFE

# explore Barcelona's exciting city life and have fun!

We organise a full **programme of cultural and leisure activities** for all our Spanish students and teachers throughout the year.

Museums, art galleries, Barcelona tours, picnics in parks, evening cocktails, International dinners on the beach, theatre and flamenco shows, music concerts, parties, football matches, skiing, ice-skating, or trips out of the city are just some examples of the great activities in our programme.

Our **teachers are there to help you develop your Spanish** during all these activities, where you **discover our culture, gastronomy and history...** and, of course, the exciting city of Barcelona and its wonderful surroundings.

We also organise **activities shared with our national students** that are studying other languages in our school.





AU PAIR PROGRAMME

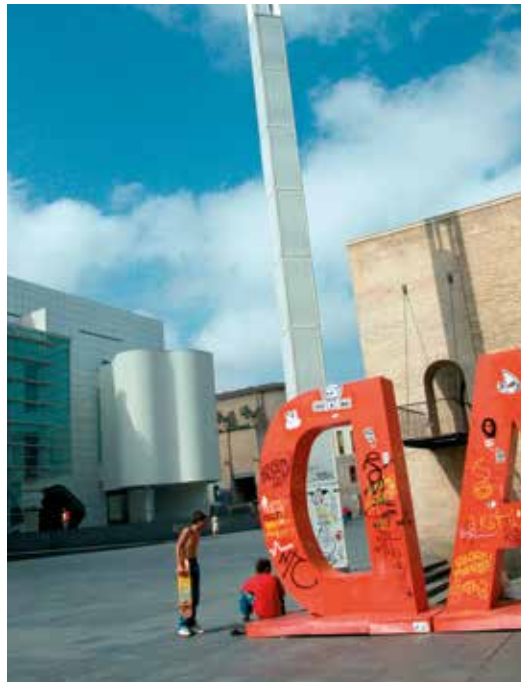
# learn another language, experience a new culture and make friends by taking care of the children!

There are thousands of girls all over the world **learning another language, experiencing a new culture and making friends** with new people in different countries by taking care of children.

If you like children this option may suit you. It comes with **free accommodation, full board and some extra pocket money** for your personal expenses. In return, you care for the children and help in the home.

So, if you are **over eighteen years old, have a basic knowledge of Spanish, are adaptable, motivated and happy to share accommodation** then we would be pleased to look for a family for you.





## LIVING IN BARCELONA



# one of the most amazing cities in Europe with sunny weather all year round!

Located on the Mediterranean Sea, **Barcelona is the cultural, economic and political centre** of Catalonia in northern Spain and one of the most **beautiful** cities in Europe.

Gothic and medieval architecture in the **Old town**, Gaudí's modernist buildings across the city like **La Pedrera** and the **Sagrada Familia**, **Las Ramblas** with its human statues, **the Olympic village** by the sea and **the beaches** stretching to Barceloneta with its **sunny terraces and tasty food**, and old/new-age bohemia in the **Born and Gracia areas**.

In Barcelona and its surroundings you will enjoy events like Primavera Sound, Sonar, Formula 1, Barça Football games, Moto Grand Prix, In-Edit Music Film Festival, Sitges International Film Festival, Primavera Club, Grec Summer Festival, Feria de Abril, Tarrega Street Theater Festival, The Brandery Fashion Fair, WRC Rally RACC-Catalunya, Barcelona Extreme Sports Festival, International Urban Dance Festival and many more.

Barcelona is quite well connected to other nice places in Catalunya like Sitges (35 minutes), Costa Brava (45 minutes) or Pirineus mountain and ski area (1.5h) as well as in Spain like Balearic Islands (3h), Madrid (2h), Benicassim (2.5h), Pamplona (3.5h), San Sebastian (5.5h) or Sevilla (5.5h). All these destinations can be reached faster by plane.

The **weather is sunny** – and the temperature is rarely less than mild - making Barcelona a perfect place to study Spanish anytime of the year.

No matter day or night, the **atmosphere in Barcelona is exciting**.

**Barcelona offers a great life** to adapt to during your stay - you will see!

RECOGNITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

# developing the quality of our Spanish courses

Listed by **Instituto Cervantes** and recognised by **Spanish Ministry of Education**.

Recognised by **Swedish CSN** and **German Bildungsurlaub**.

Members of **WYSEC** (World Youth Student & Educational Travel Confederation), **ALTO** (Association Language Travel Organizations) and **IAPA** (International Au Pair Association).

Official Collaborator Centre for **DIEN / DSEN** (Diploma Intermedio / Superior Español de Negocios) organised by the Barcelona Chamber of Commerce.





#### STUDENT'S COMMENTS

**“... the school is great and the people there, too!”**

“I would like to come back as everything here was nice: the methodology, teachers, the activities program, the people...”

**Yuko Miyamoto, Japan.**

“I really loved the way you teach so I will recommend the school to my friends...”

**Eleonora Errico, Italy.**

“The classes were very interactive so the experience was enjoyable with excellent learning...”

**Kathy Morrissey, England.**

“The activities program was the best as well as the methodology...”

**Ipek Sanal, Turkey.**

“The atmosphere, the people, the Spanish classes... wait for me for next summer as my time in Barcelona was fantastic...”

**Pieter Van Dyke, Holland.**

“I was really surprised with everything (classes, teachers, classmates, the city) so I'm really happy about and will feel 'saudade'...”

**Elisa Domingues, Brazil.**

“The school is great and the people there, too! Our teachers were one of the best I've ever had! Keep up the good work and thank you very much for everything.”

**Julia Thieme & Julian Gropp, Germany.**

“I loved classes because they were dynamic and the teacher was also great. I met lots of people as the atmosphere at the school was so cool.”

**Erin Hendrix, USA.**

“I've never had teachers that were so patient, helpful and motivated... big plus for the Staff!”

**Stephan Grimm, Austria.**



## WHY SPANISH

# official language of 22 countries around the world!

**500 million people speak Spanish**, 266 million of them as a native language. This makes Spanish the second most spoken language in the World.

Spanish is the **official language in 22 countries** around the world as well as in the EU, UNESCO, UNO, GATT, ONUDI and UIT.

Spanish is the **second language of international communication**, and the **third as an international language for politics, economics and culture**.

The number of **students studying Spanish has doubled** over the last decade.

In the USA, the Hispanic population has grown by 60% in just 10 years so within the next 50 years **Spanish is expected to become the first language for 50% USA's population**.

**Latin America countries are growing in economic strength**, potentially making them major commercial partners. The recently created MERCOSUR aims to improve the economy of these countries by making them more efficient and competitive.

Every year, more than **85 million tourists visit Spanish-speaking countries**. Speaking the language enriches your experience and gives you the chance to enjoy more things these countries have to offer.

GROUPS

# special educational trips combining tourism with learning Spanish!

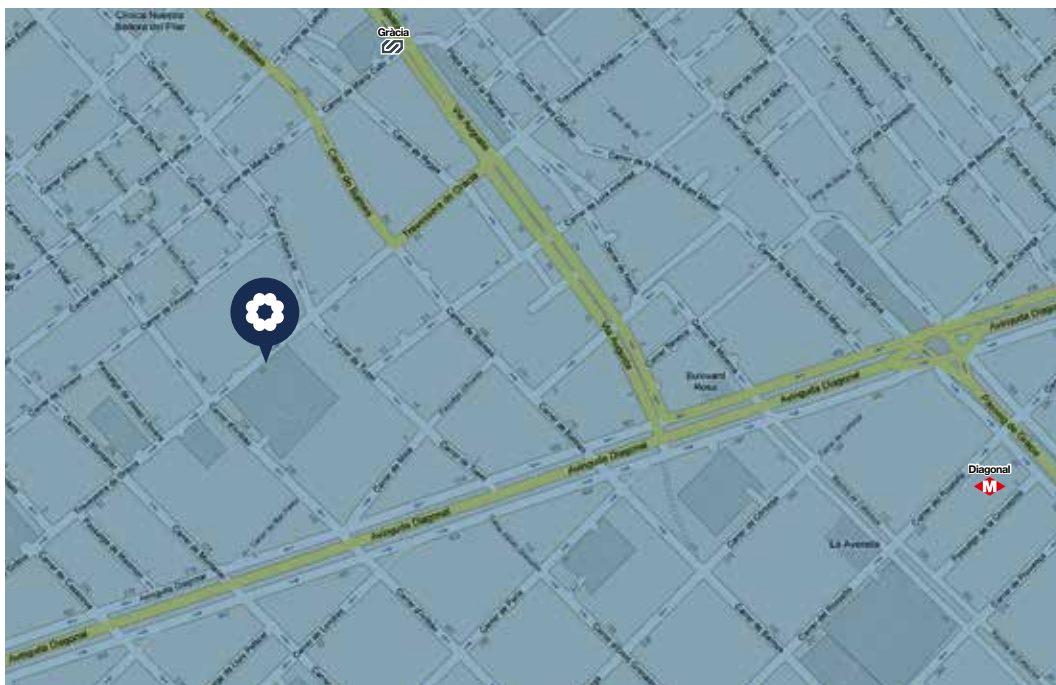
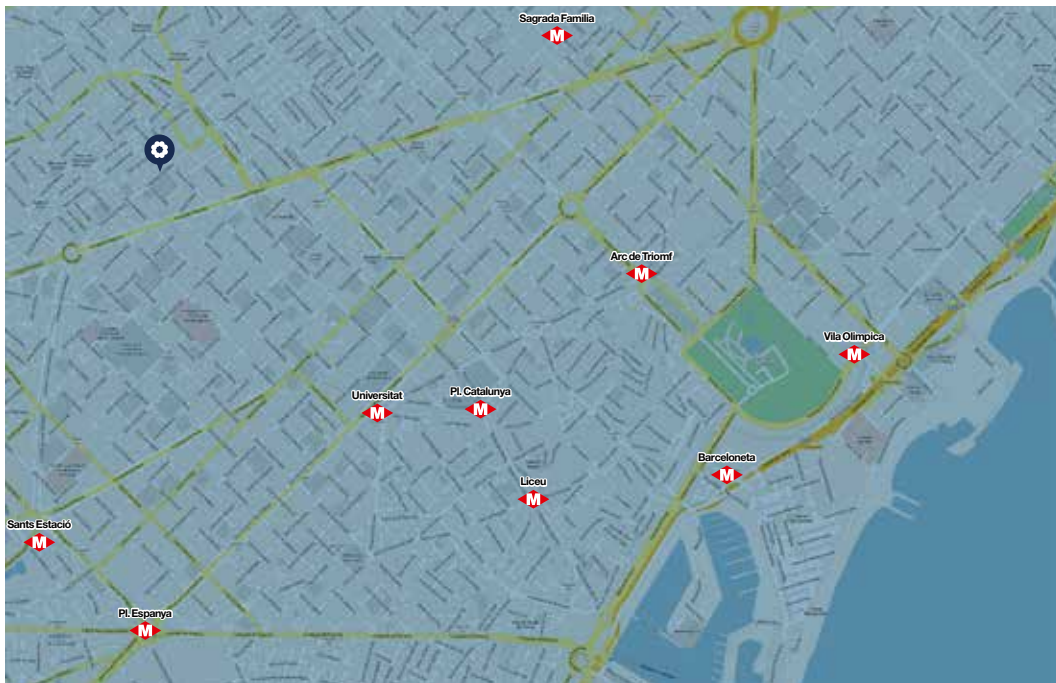
We organise **special educational tourism for high schools, university students and private groups.**

Classes, accomodation, airport transfers, activities, tours, excursions and meals. **Everything** in the trip can come as **one package** combining tourism with Spanish learning.

Customise the trip to your interests with any of the many options on offer.

Get discounted prices on our fees.





## LOCATION

# in the city centre!



We are **located in the Eixample quarter**, the heart of “el Modernisme” in Barcelona, and close to the streets of Diagonal, Paseo de Gracia and Rambla Catalunya.

On the doorstep of the school, you can find **markets, shops, gyms, banks, bars, restaurants, terraces, museums, theaters, parks, libraries...**

You can **reach** the famous **Pedrerà by Gaudí just by walking**.

**Sagrada Família, Plaza Catalunya, Las Ramblas and the Old town** are just **10 minutes** by metro or bus.

In **less than 20 minutes** by metro or bus, you are at any of **the 7 city-side beaches**.

We are also **close to the Gracia quarter** - full of university students, artists, art galleries, clubs, fashion shops, bars terraces... just about **one of the most exciting areas in Barcelona**.



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