

Learn Spanish and Unlock a World of Possibilities

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Teaching Spanish in Barcelona since 2015

Whether you are here to work, study, raise a family or simply experience life in the city, speaking Spanish opens more doors, brings you closer to people and makes Barcelona feel more like your own.

We taught our first Spanish class in 2015. What began as a few occasional groups of learners has grown, over more than ten years, into an independent school with its own team of teachers and coordinators, working from six classrooms on Carrer d'Aragó, just a few minutes from the Sagrada Família.

Iberia Language Academy is a Spanish school for adults. Our students live in Barcelona or come to the city for a while, for work, for study, or for a project of their own. We help them build the Spanish they need to take part in the life they are actually living here. Courses for children and teenagers are listed on our website.

Our courses follow the Common European Framework of Reference and the Instituto Cervantes curricular plan. Groups have no more than twelve students, and our cultural programme takes learning beyond the classroom and into the city.

We look forward to welcoming you to the school.

¡Nos vemos en Barcelona!

Richard Davie

Director



How we help students make progress

Groups of twelve, maximum

Every class is capped at twelve students, so the teacher has time for each person and can follow individual progress closely.

Qualified, experienced teachers

Our teachers hold a university degree, specialist training in teaching Spanish as a foreign language, and classroom experience. Teaching is coordinated and reviewed by the academic direction.

A communicative approach

Classes are built around real tasks and authentic contexts, so you spend the lesson using Spanish rather than listening to explanations about it.

Culture as part of the course

Workshops, city routes and excursions are part of the programme, not an extra. They are where the Spanish you study gets used.

Morning, afternoon and evening

Classes run from 09:30 to 20:00, so the course can fit around work or study.

A record that follows you

Your attendance, results and progress reports are kept in the school portal, so any member of the team can pick up where the last one left off.



Who studies here

Our students come from very different places, ages and starting points, and that mix is a feature of the school rather than an accident of it.

Where they come from. In 2025, 235 students learned Spanish with us. The 155 people who enrolled between August 2025 and July 2026 came from 49 countries, eighteen of them represented by a single person. The largest groups came from the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, Turkey, France and Italy.

How old they are. Our group courses are for adults, aged between 19 and 79. The median age was 33, and almost half were between 25 and 34. The same class can bring together someone on a sabbatical, professionals studying for work and someone who has just retired to Barcelona.

What languages they bring. The most common first languages are English, German, French and Italian, joined by Arabic and Slavic languages. Teachers plan around the difficulties each of these tends to produce.

Why they study. Some need working Spanish for a job or a degree; some want to take part in the life of the city; some are preparing for an official certificate; and some need to prove a level for residency or nationality.

Across the year. During the academic year our students are mainly international residents in Barcelona taking continuing courses. In summer the profile widens with shorter stays and groups from study-abroad programmes.



The team

Every teacher holds a university degree and a specialist postgraduate qualification in teaching Spanish as a foreign language. Teaching is coordinated by the academic direction, which runs internal training, observes classes and moderates assessment.



Raquel Rojo

Co-founder & Academic Director

Art historian, and master's in teaching Spanish as a foreign language, UIMP and Instituto Cervantes. Twenty-two years teaching Spanish as a foreign language, sixteen of them in academic coordination and direction. Accredited DELE examiner.



Richard Davie

Managing Director

Scottish. Founded the sister school TEFL Iberia in 2012 and has spent fourteen years running teacher training and language schools in Barcelona. Master's in chemistry, University of Edinburgh; CELTA, International House.



María Díaz

Academic Coordinator & Spanish Teacher

More than 5,000 hours teaching Spanish at a university, an Instituto Cervantes and an official language school, plus seven years teaching Hispanic Philology. Master's in teaching Spanish as a foreign language, Universidad de Granada.



Jordi Mouriz

Spanish teacher

Came to language teaching after twenty years in human resources, as HR manager at Inditex and at LEITAT. Postgraduate diploma in teaching Spanish as a foreign language, Universitat de Barcelona.



Bea Chen

Spanish Teacher

Taiwanese. She learned Spanish as a foreign language herself, so she knows from the inside what a beginner is up against. She has worked with migrant students at La Formiga. Official master's in teaching Spanish as a foreign language, UNIR.



Mari Carmen Huanca

Head of Administration & Reception

The person who welcomes you on your first day. Twenty-one years in education and school administration, including coordinating the English department at Colegio La Inmaculada Concepción in Lima. Master's in pedagogical innovation and school management.



Erica Griess

Admissions Manager

The person you speak to before you enrol. She explains the options and helps you find the course that fits. Trinity CertTESOL; degree from Texas Tech University.



Mirna Iedro

Reception

Argentinian. She runs reception in the mornings and welcomes students and visitors. Master's in educational technology, Universitat de Lleida.



Tracey Dailey

Accommodation and international support

Looks after accommodation: she finds and coordinates our hosts and apartments, arranges arrivals and transfers, and stays in touch with students throughout their stay. Trinity DipTESOL; BA Psychology.

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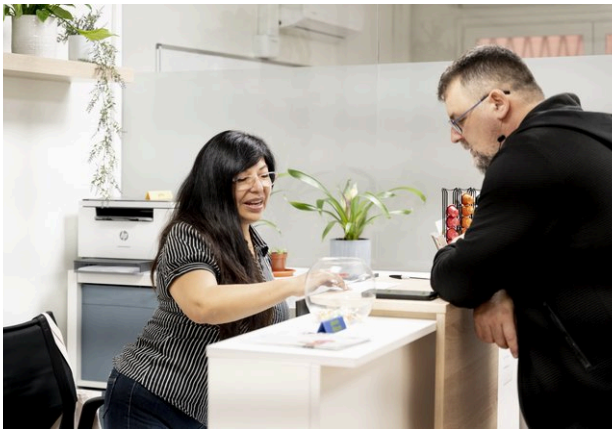
The school

We are at Carrer d'Aragó 403-405, in the Eixample, a few minutes' walk from the Sagrada Família and close to Metro Sagrada Família and Monumental.

The school has six classrooms, equipped for audiovisual work and arranged for group teaching rather than rows of desks. Alongside them there is a library, a common area for breaks, a teachers' room, and secure wireless internet throughout the building.





The library

Open to all students during reception hours, free of charge, for reading in the library or borrowing. The collection holds graded readers, grammars, exam preparation material and books on Hispanic culture. Loans are recorded in the school portal.

Access and support. Students report any problem with a room or equipment through the school portal, where reception picks it up and passes it on. Students who need adjustments for a disability or a specific learning need can tell us on the enrolment form or at any point during the course.



Spanish courses at Iberia Language Academy

All our Spanish courses share the same design. They run to a published programme with stated objectives and assessment criteria, they are referenced to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, and they are taught in groups of no more than twelve.

Group size
Twelve students maximum in every class.

Lesson length
One teaching hour is 55 minutes. Course hours below are teaching hours.

Levels
Seventeen modules from A1.1 to C1.2+, referenced to the CEFR.

Placement
A free placement test before you enrol. It sits outside the course and does not use up contracted hours.

What every course aims at

Our programmes follow the three learner profiles set out in the Instituto Cervantes curricular plan, so each course works towards all three:

The social agent. Carrying out real tasks in Spanish with other people, in the situations of daily and working life.

The autonomous learner. Taking charge of your own learning, with the assessment criteria, progress reports and learning diary that make that possible.

The intercultural speaker. Reading and moving between cultures, starting from Barcelona and Spain and opening out to the wider Spanish-speaking world.



Our courses

Intensive 20

from 200 €

For making the most of a stay in Barcelona and moving up a level quickly.

Hours	20 teaching hours per week, 4 per day
Timetable	09:30–13:30, Monday to Friday
Duration	1 to 52 weeks
Levels	A1.1 to C1.2+
Group size	12 students maximum

Semi-intensive 10

from 360 €

For steady progress alongside part-time work or study.

Hours	10 teaching hours per week, 2 per day
Timetable	09:30–11:25 or 11:35–13:30, Monday to Friday
Duration	4 to 52 weeks
Levels	A1.1 to C1.2+
Group size	12 students maximum

Part-time 4

420 € / 10 weeks

Our most popular course, for working full time and improving Spanish with regular classes.

Hours	4 teaching hours per week
Timetable	Mon & Wed or Tue & Thu, 09:30–11:25, 11:35–13:30 or 18:05–20:00
Duration	10 weeks
Levels	A1.1 to C1.2+
Group size	12 students maximum



DELE Exam Preparation

420 € / 4 weeks

For candidates who need an official certificate of their level of Spanish.

Hours	32 teaching hours, 8 per week over 4 weeks
Timetable	18:05–20:00
Levels	A2 to C1
Group size	8 students maximum
Note	The course fee does not include the DELE examination entry fee, which is paid to the examination centre.

Conversation Class

200 € / 10 weeks

For focusing purely on speaking and building fluency across a wide range of topics.

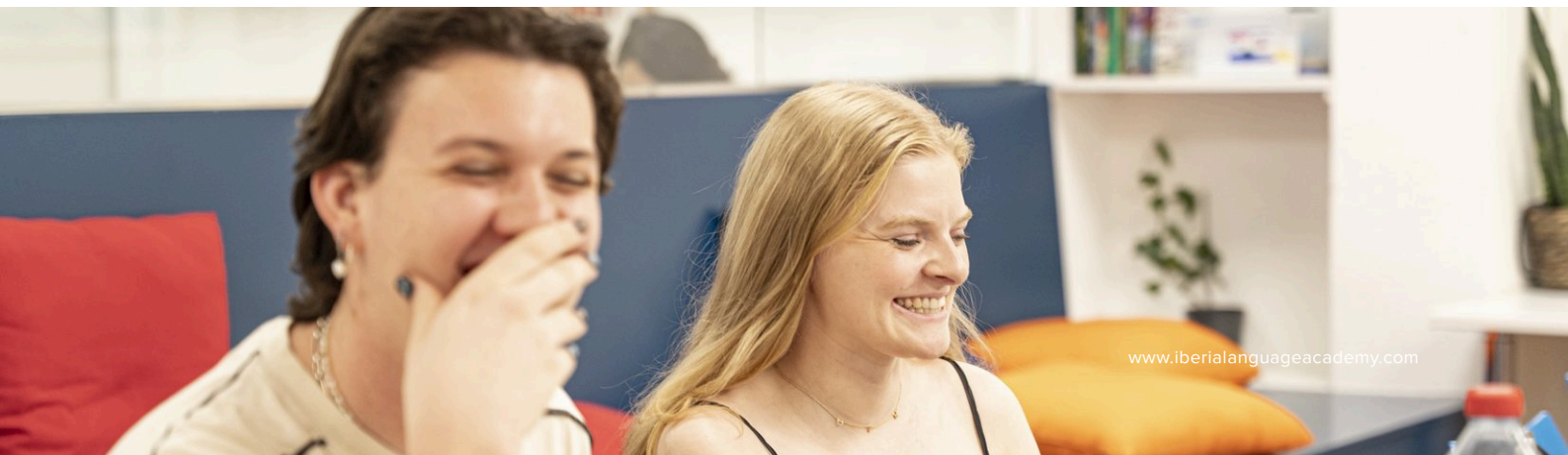
Hours	2 hours per week, in two sessions of 60 minutes. Minimum booking 10 weeks, 20 hours; the full cycle is 40 hours over 20 weeks
Timetable	A1–A2: Monday & Wednesday, 14:00–15:00 B1–B2: Tuesday & Thursday, 14:00–15:00
Duration	Minimum booking 10 weeks, then for as long as you like
Levels	A1 to B2
Group size	12 students maximum

Private Classes

40 € / hour
350 € / 10-hour pack

For classes shaped entirely around your own goals, level and schedule.

Format	One to one, booked in packs of 10 hours or by the hour
Timetable	Flexible, agreed with the school
Levels	All levels
Place	At the school or online



Assessment and certificates

Each module has its own programme, objectives and assessment criteria, and your teacher goes through them with the group in the first sessions. Modules end with an assessment covering listening, reading, writing, speaking, and grammar and vocabulary, alongside continuous assessment of your work in class.

You can ask for a **certificate of attendance** at any time; it states the hours you actually attended. A **certificate of achievement**, which states the module completed, your marks by area and your attendance, requires three things: at least 80 % attendance, sitting the complete final assessment, and a final mark of 60 % or more.

Every certificate is recorded in the school portal with its own number, so a copy can be issued again at any time.

What you get at the start

- The programme for your module and its objectives
- The assessment criteria and the marking scale
- Access to the school portal, where your timetable, attendance, results and progress reports live
- A learning diary to record what you are working on

How we follow your progress

Tutorials during the course, a written progress report from your teacher, and a record in the portal you can see at any time. If something is not going well, we would rather tell you early than at the end.



Levels and how long they take

Your level is referenced to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). We divide each band into modules, so you move forward in steps that are short enough to see. Each column is one module; the figure is the number of weeks it normally takes at that intensity.

	BEGINNER					INTERMEDIATE								ADVANCED			
	A1.1	A1.2	A2.1	A2.2	A2.2+	B1.1	B1.1+	B1.2	B1.2+	B2.1	B2.1+	B2.2	B2.2+	C1.1	C1.1+	C1.2	C1.2+
20 h/week Intensive 20	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks
10 h/week Semi-intensive 10	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	6 weeks	8 weeks	8 weeks	8 weeks	8 weeks
4 h/week Part-time 4	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks	15 weeks	15 weeks	15 weeks	15 weeks	20 weeks	20 weeks	20 weeks	20 weeks

Modules run to 40 teaching hours up to B1.2+, 60 hours across B2 and 80 hours across C1. A teaching hour is 55 minutes.

Finding your level

Before you enrol we ask you to take our free online placement test, and we follow it with a short conversation. The test takes place before the course starts and does not count against your contracted hours. Complete beginners start at A1.1 and take no test.

Moving up

At the end of each module we assess your work and confirm the next step with you. If a module needs repeating, we say so and explain why. Progress is recorded in the school portal, where you can see your attendance and results.



Course fees

There is **no enrolment fee**. Prices are per course and include tuition, the use of course books in class, tutorials, assessment and the issue of your certificate in digital form. All prices are in euros and include any applicable taxes.

Intensive 20 20 h/week

1 week	200 €
2 weeks	360 €
3 weeks	540 €
4 weeks	720 €
5 weeks	800 €
6 weeks	900 €
7 weeks	1.010 €
8 weeks	1.120 €
9 weeks	1.210 €
10 weeks	1.300 €

Part-time 4 4 h/week

10 weeks, full course	420 €

Our most popular course: two classes a week, mornings or evenings, designed to fit around a full-time job.

Semi-intensive 10 10 h/week

4 weeks	360 €
5 weeks	400 €
6 weeks	480 €
7 weeks	560 €
8 weeks	640 €
9 weeks	720 €
10 weeks	800 €

Semi-intensive course: minimum booking 4 weeks (40 teaching hours).

Other courses and services

DELE Exam Preparation, 32 hours, 4 weeks	420 €
Conversation Class, 2 h/week, minimum 10 weeks	200 €
Private classes, per hour	40 €
Private classes, 10-hour pack	350 €
NIE appointment and assistance	150 €
Empadronamiento service	50 €

Not included in the course fee: the DELE examination entry fee, paid to the examination centre; personal copies of course books, which may be bought at reception; excursions and days out, priced separately; and accommodation. Prices current at the date of this brochure, see www.iberialanguageacademy.com for the current list.

Enrolling, paying and cancelling

How to enrol

Take the free placement test, choose your course and dates, and complete the enrolment form on our website. You accept our general terms and conditions of contracting when you enrol; they are published in full at iberialanguageacademy.com/apply/terms. Before your course begins we send you confirmation of your enrolment and the amount paid, our address and telephone number, an emergency contact, and what happens on your first day.

Telling us what you need

The enrolment form asks, in confidence, about any health condition, allergy, disability or other circumstance that could affect your full participation. You can tell us at enrolment or at any time during the course.

Paying

The course fee is paid in full when you book. We do not offer instalments, periodic payments or booking with an initial payment.

We accept card payment at the school, an online payment link, bank transfer and cash. Invoices are issued for every payment.

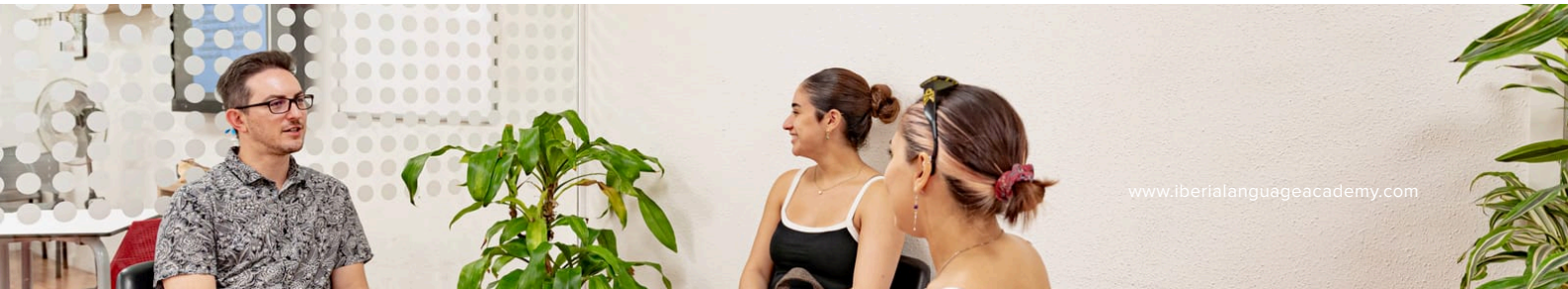
If you cancel before the course starts

Notice you give	What the school keeps
31 days or more before the start date	An administrative charge of 50 €
Between 30 and 8 days before the start date	25 % of the course fee
7 days or less before the start date	50 % of the course fee
Once the course has started	No refund, except where required by law or in cases of force majeure

The rest is refunded to you, by the same means you used to pay, within thirty days of us accepting the cancellation. Cancellations must be sent to us in writing by email.

Your right to withdraw. These conditions apply without prejudice to the fourteen-day right of withdrawal established under Spanish consumer law. If, at your express request, the course begins within that period, we may charge for the teaching already delivered, in proportion to the total fee.

If we cancel. If we cancel a course for any reason attributable to the school, you are entitled to a full refund of everything paid, with no deductions. We tell you as early as we can.



Cultural activities

Our focus is integration and the 'real' Barcelona, less sangría and more castanyada. The programme runs across the whole year, gives priority to Catalan and Spanish culture, and takes in the wider Spanish-speaking world. There are four kinds of activity.

Every month, in class. Included

A cultural workshop with your whole group, in class time, so there is nothing to book and nothing to pay. Catalan festive traditions in January, Carnival in February, Semana Santa in March, Sant Jordi and Cervantes in April, and so on through the year, pitched at your group's level.

Activities at the school

Outside class time, run by our own teachers, two hours each, all levels: a wine tasting, a tapas workshop, a merienda workshop and a Business Spanish workshop. Many are free; where there is a cost it covers the food, the drink or the ticket, and you see it before you sign up.

Guided tours and challenges

A guided tour of somewhere in the city with challenges to complete along the way, led by a teacher with our own materials: the streets around the school, Barcino and the Gothic quarter, a market, the MNAC, the Sagrada Família, Modernisme on Passeig de Gràcia and medieval Barcelona.

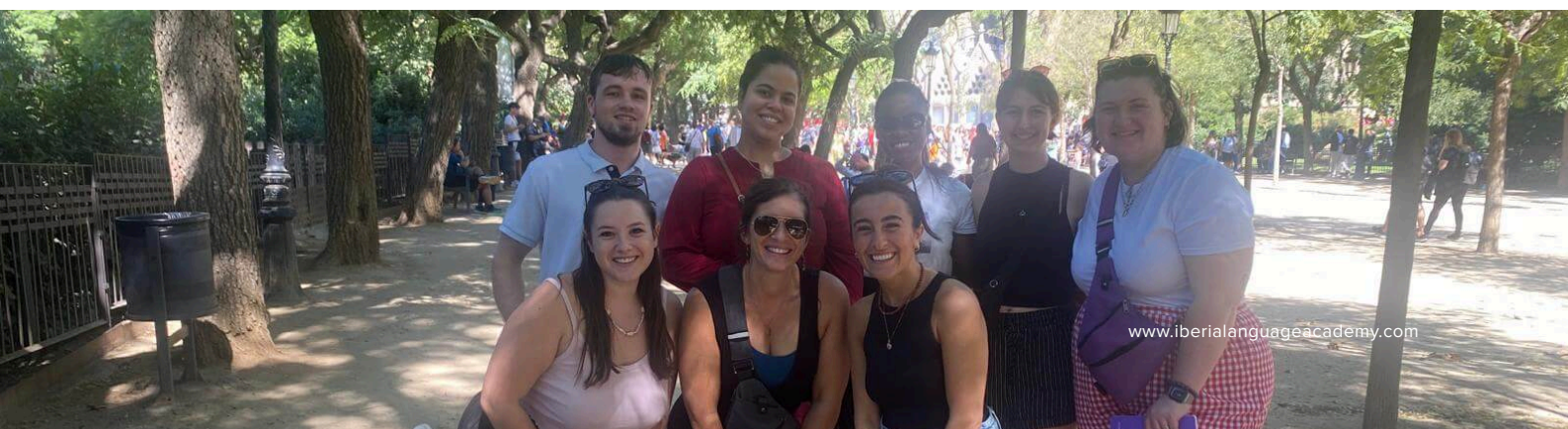
The language exchange. Free, every term

In the school library, 18:00 to 20:00, with something to eat. Open to all our Spanish students and to the English students of our sister school, TEFL Iberia, so the practice runs both ways.

Excursions and days out

Whole days out to the Costa Brava, the Pyrenees and towns nearby: Girona, Cadaqués, Montserrat, Mont Rebei. Others are an afternoon or an evening in the city, such as the Palau de la Música or a flamenco show. Booked with outside providers, who guide them, and priced separately.

Every activity is announced in class, in the school portal and on the noticeboards. You sign up through the portal, which manages the places and, when the activity needs it, the payment; you can also sign up at reception. Taking part is always voluntary.



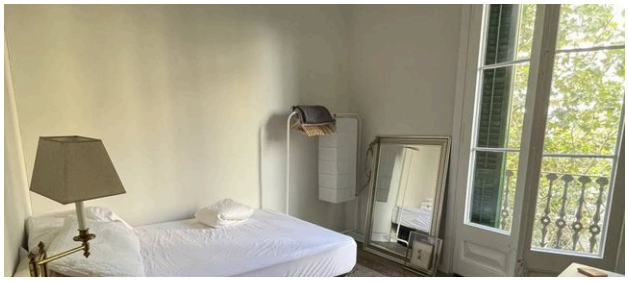
Where you can stay

Accommodation is optional and for students aged 18 and over, booked on the same form as your course. Every home in our network is checked before we offer it, and our accommodation coordinator handles the whole process from booking to departure.



A room in a shared flat 750 € / 4 weeks

We run two flats of our own, with eight rooms between them, and rent the rooms to our students. You share with other ILA students, ex-students or locals. Best for stays of four weeks or more. Around **20 to 30 minutes** from the school by public transport.

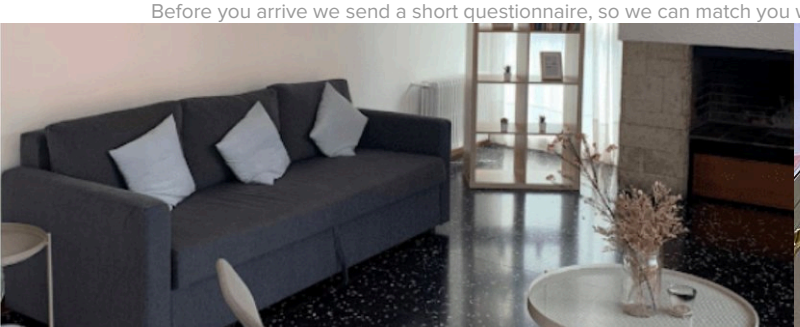


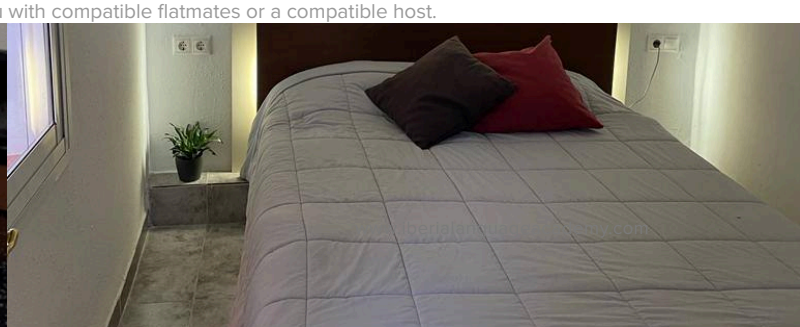
A room with a host 900 € / 4 weeks

You live in the home of a host who lives there too and shares the common areas with you. It gives you the most Spanish every day. Never more than three students per home. Best for stays of two to three weeks. **Under 40 minutes** from the school by public transport.

What to know before booking	
Prices	Priced in four-week blocks, bills included. Longer stays are priced by the block. Tax included.
Your room	A private single bedroom with a desk and chair, storage, heating in winter and a fan or air conditioning in summer. Bedding and towels ready on arrival.
Included	Kitchen, bathroom and living room, wifi throughout, and water, electricity, gas and internet for normal use. Shared areas in our flats are cleaned twice a month.
Not included	Food and meals, and public transport. Airport pick-up is an optional extra at 70 €.
Security deposit	200 €. In our flats it is returned once the bills are settled, within eight weeks of departure at the latest; with a host, the host returns it when you leave.
Cancellation	Full refund more than four weeks before arrival; 50 % within four weeks; no refund within two weeks.
Minimum age	18, in both flats and with hosts.

Before you arrive we send a short questionnaire, so we can match you with compatible flatmates or a compatible host.





What our students say



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I've been studying with Iberia Language Academy for a few weeks and I've been loving it. I've lived in Spain for many years and have been to a variety of different schools and had many different teachers, but the teachers at ILA have really ignited my love for the Spanish language again. Totally recommend!

Jayde, Australia



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I took the part-time course option at Iberia Language Academy and loved it. The entire staff was so friendly and welcoming, and the classes were organised and super enjoyable. The location was also a great bonus, around a five-minute walk to the Sagrada Família, with many cafés and shops all around.

Sara, Morocco



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My experience studying Spanish at ILA surpassed all expectations. The teachers were so knowledgeable and helpful, and the team were always friendly and quick to reply. I particularly appreciated the focus on practical speaking skills and now I feel much more confident communicating in Spanish. This course has greatly enhanced my life in Barcelona.

Chris, USA



Come and see us

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Getting here

We are on Carrer d'Aragó between Nàpols and Sicília, a five-minute walk from the Sagrada Família. Nearest Metro: Sagrada Família (L2, L5) and Monumental (L2).

Take the free placement test, then choose your course and dates at www.iberialanguageacademy.com, or write to us and we will talk it through.

