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Welcome to Spanish in Nature. Thank you for visiting our website. We hope you find it useful and decide to come to see us in our Spanish school in the wonderful Guadarrama National Park. El Boalo. Madrid. Spain.

### ABOUT US:

Our family home, the house where I live with my husband and my 3 children, will be your Spanish school where you can learn the Spanish language and enjoy our house and environment and will be the best Spanish school that you will ever see.

We believe that learning a language can't be confined to the classroom, therefore our Spanish school is the ideal place where we mix study and fun in nature.

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In this area or region there are other two parks.

The **Peñalara Natural Park** (*Parque Natural de la Cumbre, Circo y Lagunas de Peñalara*) is a natural park in the northwest of the Community of Madrid, declared a natural park in June 1990.

The park is situated in the central zone of the Sierra de Guadarrama. The reserve includes Peñalara's summit, the highest peak of the mountain system.

One of the most interesting elements of the reserve is the Peñalara cirque, created by a glacier. It is located between the summit of Peñalara and the Younger Sister, on the eastern slope of both peaks. In the Park there are 20 small lakes of glacial origin in a relatively level area between 2000 and 2200 meters.

The park is home to the black vultures and the Spanish Imperial Eagle, and also many small mammals and amphibians.

The park is especially popular for hiking, mountain climbing and skiing.

**La Pedriza Regional Park** ( *Cuenca Alta del Manzanares Regional Park*), which was created in the 1908s. The area covered by the Regional Park, the upper Manzanares River basin, was designated in 1992 as a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO

**La Pedriza** is a geological feature of great scenic and leisure interest. It is located on the southern slopes of the Guadarrama mountain range. It is one of the largest granite ranges of Europe and holds numerous peaks, rocky cliffs, streams and meadows, with the majestic Yelmo as reference.

More than two thousands rock climbing routes of all difficulties are available to rock climbers. Hiking is also popular in La Pedriza.

The 32 square kilometres occupied by La Pedriza lie within the Regional Park of the High River basin of Manzanares, the largest park of the Community of Madrid. In this zone, vegetation is sparse, but there are Mediterranean shrubs like the rockrose, and alpine varieties like fabaceae. The fauna is rich in birds of prey; the breeding colony of over 100 pairs of Griffon Vultures is the largest in the Madrid area and there are herds of mountains goats.

### FACILITIES:

The school is a small school with capacity for up to 20 pupils, in groups from 6 to 8 pupils, with three course levels: Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced.



Our classrooms are comfortable and bright and we can also have Spanish lessons outdoors as we have different areas in our garden where you could enjoy our Spanish course.

The school has a swimming pool that pupils can use in their free time. Also they can play basketball, ping pong, card games and do arts and crafts.

As well the Spanish school has a vegetable garden. Pupils could see how our vegetables grow and they could participate in activities in the garden (water, seed, collect, dig...). Also we have a hen house and its enjoyable for the children and adults.

We are in a natural area where we can go walking to some activities, absolutely safely, without cars in the way, and some horse or some bicycle riding.

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stay is quite unforgettable, and having their welfare at heart.

## METHODOLOGY AND TEACHERS:

**SPANISH SUMMER CAMP:** As children need to enjoy while they learn, our classes are very dynamic. Therefore we use games, books, CD, DVD. We teach many things about our culture (food, traditional partys, sports...). Every day our Spanish class starts by talking about the activity we did the day before and about the activities we will do on the day. This makes the class fun and dynamic. Children want to know about the activities, it's their big motivator.

**TEACHER'S HOME:** Home Language Tuition is one of the most effective methods of language learning: the entire course consists of individual tuition which not only maximises the student's contact with the language but also allows the course to be adapted to the precise level and needs of each participant.

**SPANISN IN FAMILY:** A full spanish immersion experience with constant opportunities to practise the language within a family community where as children as adults could interact with equal.

Very important, here we speak Spanish only. We insist on that. We are with the children all the time as it's easier that way.

The management at Spanish in Nature is structured into Direction of Studies and Coordination of Activities.

The members of our team have excellent qualifications, both personal and professional, for the work that they do. They have been chosen because of their dedication and attention to our students, ensuring that their

The teachers are professional Spanish teachers, they have a University degree in Spanish language or the INSTITUTO CERVANTES's certificate, with experience and they continue their training by attending courses on a regular basis focused on our needs in teaching Spanish as a foreign language.



## COURSES AND FEES:

**SPANISH SUMMER CAMP** is for 2 weeks minimum advisable for children from 10 to 17 years.

Duration: 2 weeks.

From:

Monday 29 June 2015 to Sunday 13 July 2015.

Monday 13 July 2015 to Sunday 26 July 2015

Monday 27 July 2015 to Sunday 9 August 2015

Monday 10 August 2015 to Sunday 23 August 2015

Monday 24 August 2015 to Sunday 6 September 2015

20 hours of morning classes weekly from Monday to Friday (from 9 to 11 and from 11:30 to 13:30), (some classes may be in the afternoon, depending of the activities).

Lunch and relaxation time from 13.30 to 17:00

cultural activities daily from 17:00 to 20:00

Weekend activities: Saturday all day.

**FEES: 1.800.-EUROS**

For 3 weeks 2.350.- EUROS

For 4 weeks 2.850.-EUROS

Every extra week the price is 600.-EUROS per week.

If you are interested in only 1 week, please ask us.

The price include Spanish classes, host family, activities, airport pick-up and insurances.

Consult the school if you need to arrive or leave on another day, depending on the availability of flights.

### **THE TEACHER'S HOME**

**Study and Live at Teacher's Home!** give you the unique opportunity for a **full-immersion experience**, living with and being taught by your own **private teacher**. It's an ideal option for students (children and adults) who are looking for a custom-made program and/or have specific requests.

The language courses are **based on your specific needs** and, because you are the only student you are guaranteed **individual attention!** All of our teachers have a

university degree (or equivalent) or a recognised teaching certificate.

The program Includes the following:

**Full board** accommodation (Sunday to Sunday)

**Single room** in the teacher's home

**Private lessons** one to one

**Activities** with teacher or teacher's family.

**900.- € 1 week with airport pick up and drop**

**1.600.-€ 2 weeks with airport pick up and drop**

### **SPANISH IN FAMILY**

**Language Programs for Parent and Child.**

Scientific research shows that learning a foreign language comes naturally for children when they start at an early age. The Family program offers an unique opportunity for both parents and children to make a family travel very special, the perfect combination between a language holiday and a vacation with your family!

Do not miss this time, offer your children the opportunity to learn Spanish without having to spend hundreds of hours studying. We suggest you traveling the whole family to Spain and may live a true "immersion". You will give the final push to learning Spanish.

**Full board** accommodation (Sunday to Sunday)

**Acomodation** in the teacher's home.

**Private lessons** for adults and children, apart of course

**Activities** with teacher or teacher's family, you will live our own life. (to cook Spanish food, to learn about our customs, to enjoy our festival...)

**700.-€ 1 week every family member.**

1.200.-€ 2 weeks every family member



### ACOMODATION:

In our Spanish summer camp we are very lucky, our town is small, I have 3 children and we meet many host families. This situation lets us have great host families where children are treated as members of the host family and children are really happy. As a mother myself, I care for the well being of your children. We have contact everyday with the host family because they bring children to and collect them from our Spanish school.

The children have breakfast with the family, the family prepare a packed lunch for the child to have lunch in the Spanish school-camp and they have dinner together with the host family in the evening. Sunday is a family day; students are with their host family all day long.

### ACTIVITIES:

#### **.VISIT TO LA PEDRIZA INTERPRETATION CENTER**

This is the first introduction to our environment. In this center and it's garden you'll see displays, models, audiovisuals and documentaries explaining the main characteristics about the regional park. There is also a fish tank, a rock garden, an aromatic garden, a nursery and a pond.

We can walk from Spanish school to the center.

#### **.MAGIC**

We have our own Spanish summer camp magician, who will put on a great performance and teach us some magic tricks.

#### **.VISIT THE MANZANARES EL REAL NEW CASTLE**

The Manzanares el Real New Castle, known as Mendoza Castle, is a palace-fortress built in the XV century, between the town of Manzanares el Real and the Santillana reservoir, at the foot of Guadarrama mountains.

We can walk from our Spanish classes to The Castle.



### **.HORSE RIDING**

Introduction to horses: what they are, what they eat, how to deal with them, etc.

Beginning in the riding arena and working out with the tackle.

Horse Ride across La Pedriza

Shower and brush.

From our Spanish summer camp to the riding center is a nice ten minute walk

### **.VISIT SANTIAGO BERNABEU STADIUM**

Bernabeu Tour. Get ready to feel the power of the pitch, the pre-match tension, the reflection of those moments of glory, and the history of one of the greatest football teams in the world. Now, with new interactive areas, giant screens and multi-touch technology and, for the very first time, check out the First Team changing room.

### **.LA PEDRIZA. SLEEP OVER**

We'll go to La Pedriza to sleep over on Friday night. We will go to El Yelmo, where we'll enjoy beautiful views of nature and we'll see Madrid city in the distance. It is very easy to see Griffon Vultures in their nests and mountains goats.

We'll sleep in the refuge Giner de los Rios, It is a nice house in the middle of La Pedriza, its caretaker is a friendly person who will take care of us. We'll enjoy the Manzanares River and its famous Green Pool, where we can swim.

### **.CANOE**

Madrid has many reservoirs and near to our Spanish school there are two of them.

We'll go canoeing in the Pinilla reservoir and enjoy the Guadarrama Mountains views from the canoe.

### **.BIKE RIDING**

We'll cycle from Spanish summer camp to El Boalo town, and we'll visit other towns,

Cerceda and Mataelpino, depending of the ability of each student.

### **.PEÑALARA LAGOON**

We will do an excursion to Peñalara cirque, created by a glacier. We will enjoy a nice walk and a beautiful environment. Simply a **wonderful place**.

### **.DRUMMING**

There will be a drumming workshop for everyone, with a professional teacher. We introduce the drumming world to teenagers, through funny games and different rhythms. We highlight the importance of listening, silence and working in a group.

### **.LA MALICIOSA**

La Maliciosa is the mountain (2.227 m) that we can see from our spanish school,

We'll reach the valey (La Barranca Valey) and Maliciosa on foot.



### **.KARAOKE**

In our Spanish classes everyday we'll practice a lyric because we'll make a concourse of songs.

### **.ROCK CLIMBING**

La Pedriza is a wonderful place place to climb, it's very well known by climbers in Spain, and Europe.

Climbing sounds risky, but is less dangerous than other sports. We consider it an absolutely safe activity, a real challenge for children.

We have the best climber professional teacher.

From Spanish summer camp we can see climbers in the rock walls.

### **.GYMKHANA FOR MADRID**

It,s a funny way to get to know Madrid. It isn't the typical visit to museum, palace or cathedral.

The journey takes us across Madrid from Royal Palace to Retiro Park, pausing at Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, Prado Museum, Cibeles Fountain, Puerta de Alcalá and finally Retiro Park.

We'll go on Saturday and we'll leave from Spanish school by bus.



### **.SUMMER FESTIVAL**

To say summer is to say festival in our towns. In July and August there will be festivals in our towns, we'll enjoy the activities and the performances with the children.

Without a doubt whatsoever festival will be the most original, different and funny thing to happen all year.

The host families will participate in our activities to the greatest extent possible. Some activities we will share with the young people (or youth groups/clubs) of our town.

### **PARENTS:**

### **1.Insurances:**

#### Health Care

Spain has a National Health System that provides health care to citizens in public centres.

a) If you are a citizen of the European Union, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway or Switzerland, you will need to apply for the **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** before you come so you are entitled to medical treatment in Spain. Get in contact with your local health authority.

b) . If you come from a country other than those listed above, before you come check if there is an agreement between your country and Spain regarding Social Security and medical care. If there is, the public health authorities in your country should process the corresponding document so that you may be entitled to medical treatment.

c) . If your country does not have an agreement with Spain, remember that you must take out private medical insurance.

#### Activities

We count on reliable companies and professionals, they have the appropriate insurances for the activities they develop with us, just for your tranquility and mine.

Further, in Spanish in Nature each pupil will have an accident and health insurance included in the price. We will send you the insurance company`s coverage .

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### **2. When do you need a visa?**

If you're a non-EU citizen and are staying in Spain to study for more than three months, you'll need a student visa. In the case that your studies are due to

last more than six months you'll also need a student residence permit.

### **3. Flight:**

No. Your flight is the only part which is not included in the service we offer.

Children are allowed to travel alone from 12 years on with some flight companies. Accompaniment service is offered by other companies with an extra fee. Please, ask the company.

We pick up every child in the airport.

### **4. Contact your children:**

You will be able to talk to your child during the school break, from 15.00 to 17.00, using skype or telephone. Children will have the opportunity to check their e-mails in the school. Also you might contact your child later in the host family house.

Even more, at the end of every day we will provide information and pictures about the activities, or you might check up our facebook and twitter.

### **5. Teachers and instructor:**

Once you contract our services, we will send you further information and pictures about the staff who will work with your children in our Spanish summer camp.

### **6. Host families:**

We well know all host families and will meet them every day, which will make easier monitoring the children fit in their families. We know this may worry you, so we will provide you information about the host family earlier than your child comes to Spain.

### **7. Timetable:**

As well, earlier than your child is in the Spanish summer camp, you will have all information about daily timetable.

### **8. Supervision:**

Pupils will be all day under our supervision, not only during class time, also during activities. We will help teachers and monitor all day and will join in activities. Remember children will share time during break times with our own family.

### **9. Evaluation:**

Ever the Spanish summer camp finish, we will send you information about the Spanish's evolution and the attitudes.

**Please, feel free to ask us everything that you need to know.**

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