



## Málaga - A city that offers something for everyone!

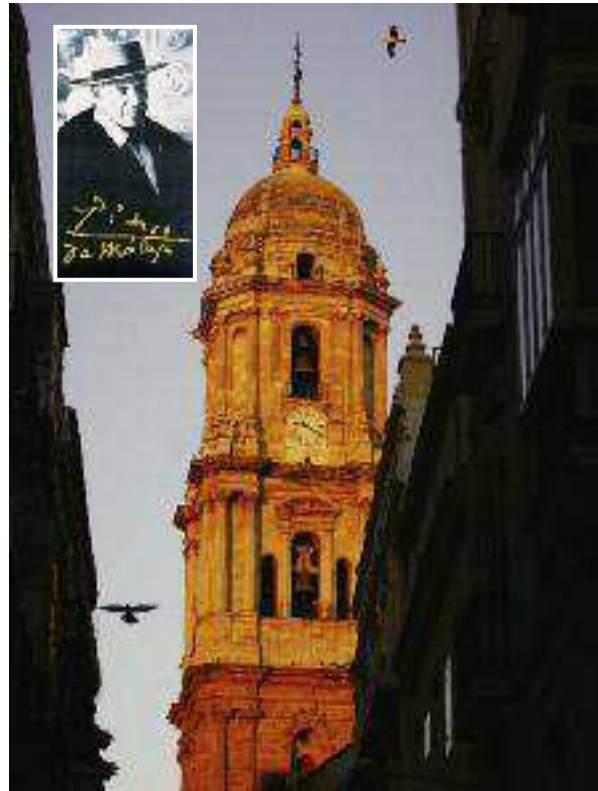
Once you have made the decision to study Spanish - the world's 2nd business language, spoken by over 300 million people - the logical place to do so is Spain.

In a land of great contrasts there is nowhere better to learn the language than in the southern region, called Andalucía, in which Málaga is situated. Here you will find the typical images that most people associate with Spain: Flamenco, the white-washed villages (pueblos blancos), Moorish palaces, blue skies, splashes of colourful bougainvillea, bull fights, historic city centres, sun-drenched beaches and, of course, the passion which the Andalusians dedicate to enjoying life!

The famously warm, friendly and extrovert nature of the Andalusian people helps to create excellent teachers and a welcoming atmosphere for those who want to meet the local people and learn about their customs and cultures.

The historic city centre with its winding streets, hundreds of tapas bars and welcoming restaurants retains a totally Spanish atmosphere. The Cathedral and Arab castle complement the rich architectural heritage. As befits Picasso's birthplace there are more than enough galleries, theatres, cinemas and music venues for the artistically inclined, including the Picasso Gallery in the midst of the historic centre.

In addition, Málaga, with the major international airport of the south of Spain, is the focal point of Andalucía's modern motorway network making it ideal for visiting Granada, Sevilla, Córdoba and



Ronda and even to spend weekends in Morocco. All of these places are within a couple of hours' travel and feature regularly in our activities programme.

We passionately believe that Málaga is an ideal choice as a place to study Spanish. Why not come and see for yourself and understand why they say "Andalucía - sólo hay una".

“Málaga is an ideal city for a long stay for the purpose of learning Spanish. This is because Málaga benefits from a relaxed life-style and the openness of its people - indispensable factors for learning a language.”

Testimonial

**Katsuhiko Bando**  
Japan







## Mini-campus

Our school facilities are amongst the best to be found in language schools in Spain. The school-buildings and our on-site residence, Club Hispánico, form an impressive mini-campus. Here you will find everything you need for your relaxation and studies on one site. As our students tend to spend time on-campus after lessons this creates a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere - the ideal place to make life-long friendships.

## Classrooms

There are 25 well appointed classrooms. Each is equipped with comfortable classroom furniture, whiteboards, video and audio and some have fabulous views!

## Multimedia Learning Centre

Our Multimedia Learning Centre is a reference library and study facility. There are two sections:

- a traditional study centre with work-sheets, reference books, video and audio cassettes
- a Computer Lab with self access learning materials and internet access

It is designed to help our students to practise and revise individually identified areas of weakness or specific need using the technology and learning method of their choice, and to be able to receive and send e-mails.

## Video

Video is available as a teaching support in all the classrooms. In addition students may watch videos of their choice in the Study Centre or may select films from our library in the reception of the Club Hispánico and watch them on our large screen in Salón Málaga.

## Wi-fi

Free wi-fi is available throughout the campus, including classrooms, terraces and the bedrooms of the Club Hispánico. Don't forget to bring a laptop!

## Dance Studio

We have a large dance studio equipped with wooden floor, practice mirrors, sound system and air conditioning. It has acoustic dividers to allow us to vary the size of the space according to the number of participants. Here we offer dance classes as an activity or as part of our Spanish & Dance courses, as well as our highly popular aerobic and keep-fit classes.



## Restaurant

During the week the restaurant is open at lunchtime (all year) and in the evenings as well for most of the year. At the weekend it is open only on Sunday evening. It serves freshly prepared fish, meat and pasta dishes at very reasonable prices.

## Bar

The spacious bar, decorated in typical Andalusian style, is the students' favourite meeting point. It serves breakfast and then snacks and drinks throughout the day. It is not only a place to meet, drink and chat, but you can also play chess, dominoes, pool, table-tennis, watch TV, etc. During the week it is open all day; at the weekend for breakfast and Sunday evening.

## Multi-use rooms

**Salón Andalucía:** here we have cultural talks with wide-screen video, concerts, dance shows, theme dinners and parties. It also has our practice kitchen for the Spanish + Cookery course and also for other occasional cookery lessons.

**Salón Málaga:** our 24-hour student lounge. Internet access via 2 fixed computers and wi-fi, large screen video with a video library, snacks and drinks machines. (Access is only for students living in the Club after 22.00)

## Sun Terraces, Swimming Pool

There are 3 large sun terraces for relaxation and for doing your homework in the open air. One of these is by the side of the swimming pool. For those of you who prefer to relax on the beach, this is only 15 minutes' walk away.

## Club Hispánico

This is our 102 - bedroom residence. Many of our students live here on the same site as the school and this ensures that the atmosphere is always very lively, friendly and welcoming (see page 24).

## Mini-Gym

A small work-out area with professional standard exercise machines.



# Spanish for Teachers

This is a one or two-week refresher course for practising, non-native-speaking, Teachers of Spanish.

Over the years Malaca Instituto has gained considerable experience in providing courses for teachers. These have been both “open-enrolment” programmes and tailor-made courses for pre-formed groups. Many have been funded from the Comenius programme.

This course combines 20 lessons per week of the Intensive course at an advanced level with 10 lessons per week of methodology.

The aim is to refresh the language and teaching skills of overseas teachers of Spanish. The methodology classes will take the form of workshops, presentations, debates, etc. all led by our trainers but expecting a high level of active participation and in-put from the participating teachers. The intention being to create a forum for the interchange of ideas and materials.



The content of the methodology lessons may include items such as:

- Ice breakers
- Stimulating interaction in the classroom
- Language games
- Alternative ideas for teaching grammar points

The programme is generally intended for teachers teaching in secondary schools. However a primary level teacher with the level of Spanish required could benefit from the programme.

We understand that in most European countries such a course meets the requirements of the Comenius Fund.

#### Closed group courses

We can create tailor-made courses for groups of teachers at any time of the year. These can also include “shadowing”. Please ask for details.



#### COURSE FACTS

##### Spanish for Teachers

<b>Start dates:</b>	July
<b>Duration:</b>	1 or 2 weeks
<b>Nº. of lessons:</b> (lesson=50 mins)	20 per week Advanced Spanish 10 per week teaching methodology
<b>Entry Level:</b>	Having completed B2 or equivalent
<b>Maximum per class:</b>	10
<b>Average in class:</b>	8
<b>Min. age:</b>	22 years
<b>Class times:</b>	08.30 - 14.30
<b>Certificates:</b>	Malaca Instituto Certificate of Attendance of Spanish for Teachers





## Host Families & Student Apartments

For the serious student who is prepared to be flexible and wants to live a truly Spanish lifestyle during his/her stay in Málaga, living with a host family can be the best option.

You will eat Spanish food (at times when Spaniards eat), meet Spanish people and have an excellent opportunity to practise your newly acquired Spanish in real-life situations.

In exchange for these benefits you have to fit in with the way of life and customs of your host family and this sometimes requires a great deal of tact and flexibility.

Some of our host families live in private houses with gardens, others in town houses or flats: most are within walking distance of the School and, if not, a maximum of 30 minutes travel. They have all been carefully selected and visited by our staff.

We offer Host Family accommodation on a half-board basis in single and twin rooms.

## Student Apartments: Types A & B

This is the most economical option. You can choose between types A and B according to your taste and budget.

You share an apartment with up to 5 other students. You can choose to have a single or twin room and you share a kitchen and other facilities with the other students.

The students are responsible for general cleaning and our staff visit once every 2 weeks to clean the general areas and sheets are changed weekly.

The apartments are only for students aged 18 years and over and we suggest that someone aged 30 or over will prefer the higher level of comfort provided by the Type A apartments.

Student Apartments can only be booked for 2-8 weeks. Once in Málaga you can extend your stay but we must have 4 weeks' notice.

The minimum guaranteed facilities and conditions of the two types of apartments are as shown below:

Student Apartments	
Type A *****	Type B ***
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 10 minutes walk of school</li> <li>• High quality furnishings</li> <li>• Air conditioning</li> <li>• Access to swimming pool (May-October)</li> <li>• Fully equipped shared kitchen</li> <li>• Safe deposit boxes in each room</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 30 minutes walk of school</li> <li>• Easy access to transport and shops</li> <li>• Comfortable furnishings</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single or twin rooms</li> <li>• Shared bathroom(s), living room and kitchen</li> <li>• TV and clothes washing machine</li> <li>• Full maintenance service</li> <li>• No extra charges (gas, electricity, etc.)</li> </ul>	



## Individual Apartments

For clients who would like an apartment exclusively for themselves we can sometimes rent other apartments.

## ACCOMMODATION FACTS

<b>Host Families:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Half Board.</li> <li>- Minimum stay: 2 weeks</li> <li>- Single rooms</li> <li>- Twin rooms</li> </ul>
<b>Student Apartments (A &amp; B)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Self-catering.</li> <li>- Min/max booking: 2-8 weeks, extendable</li> <li>- Single rooms</li> <li>- Twin rooms</li> </ul>
<b>Individual Apartments:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On request.</li> <li>- Minimum rental period: 1 month</li> </ul>

Type A



Type A



Type A





# Activities

## Social programme and excursions

In addition to studying Spanish you will want to learn about Spain, see the countryside of Andalucía, eat Spanish food, meet Spanish people and visit the great cities.

We help you to do all this and more! We organise visits to Córdoba, Granada, Sevilla and Ronda, to the white-washed villages like Nerja and Frigiliana. We take you to Africa for the weekend to show you at first hand a little of the modern-day Moroccan culture that in the past had such an influence in forming the traditions, way of life and architectural heritage that we see in Andalucía and Málaga today.

We prepare paella together, go walking in the mountains; we teach you to dance Sevillanas and how to cook Gazpacho and Tortilla; we bring musicians and dancers to the school for "fiestas" and generally help you to meet people, make friends and enjoy your stay in Málaga.

We also provide you with all the information that you need to make the most of Málaga's excellent sports and social facilities.

<p><b>Rent a Car &amp; play Golf</b></p> <p>To make the most of the 40 or more golf courses on the Costa del Sol, you will need your own transport. Only one course (par 9) can easily be reached by public transport.</p> <p>Many students make use of the special hire-car rates we have with Europcar.</p>	
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## Sports

The Mediterranean climate makes Málaga, and Andalucía in general, the perfect destination for sports enthusiasts. Most sports are available. Here are some examples:

- **Golf:** Amongst a wide range of sports available golf is without any doubt, the most popular and important. There are around 40 golf courses within 2 hours drive of Málaga, many of them championship level courses.
- **Tennis:** Courts are available a short walk from the school.
- **Jogging:** there is a jogging track of compacted sand on the beaches leading towards the city centre.
- **Fitness training:** Malaca Instituto has its own mini-gym with professional-level workout machines.
- **Skiing:** From December to May it is usually possible to ski in the Sierra Nevada, about 2 hours from Málaga.
- **Aerobics:** Students can participate free of charge each weekday in a variety of aerobic type classes.
- **Hiking:** Within 30 min. drive of the city centre you can walk in the mountains on clearly marked trails.

