

# The School



The **Escuela de Idiomas Nerja** stands in the **very centre of town**, housed in a typical Andalusian building with a good-sized tropical garden, only a few minutes' walk from the local scenic beaches. Nearby, you will find all types of shops, boutiques, restaurants and night spots, which will help make your stay both lively and enjoyable.

The School has **14 fully-equipped classrooms (interior and exterior)**. Special mention should be made of the garden, which is perfect for holding class or just relaxing during breaks at our outdoor cafeteria.

A short stroll will bring you to the **Club Costa Nerja**. Here, apart from having one of the possible choices of accommodation that we offer our pupils, you will be able to make use of the Students' Common Room, Internet, WIFI zone, bookshop, library, cafeteria, as well as a spacious courtyard (patio), where you can study or chat with your classmates in a friendly, restful setting.

**Our teachers** are Philology and Arts graduates, who are all specialists in the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language and who form a well coordinated, enthusiastic team ready and able to make your learning as effective as possible.

We offer a **wide variety of courses** designed to meet the needs of pupils, and combine our professional experience with the most up-to-date methodology and resources.

**The Escuela de Idiomas Nerja** was founded in 1980 by its current directors, Renate Urban and Luis Carrión.





# Studies and Methodology



Study programmes for the **Intensive Course** (20 lessons per week in groups having a maximum of 10 students) and **Super Intensive Course** (30 lessons per week in groups having a maximum of 6 students) are structured into the six learning levels proposed by the **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages**, namely, **A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2**. In those cases where student's level is A1, the specific course starting dates must be consulted. Where students already have some knowledge of Spanish, however, courses begin on every Monday of the year. Courses can have a duration of 1 to 32 weeks, according to individual need. The class timetable for Intensive Courses may be in the morning or afternoon, in accordance with the timetable set by the School. Super Intensive Courses are always taught in the morning.

Insofar as **methodology** is concerned, the School and the manuals that it uses follow a "**Task-based approach**". Aside from the Communicative Method, our goal is "**significant and real teaching**" of Spanish. Classes are taught exclusively in Spanish. Assessment is continuous and, on completing a level every two weeks, students are required to do a progress test (or partial examination). Indeed, their progress is monitored by

means of a personalised **follow-up** conducted by teachers and the Director of Studies. Upon completion of the course, each student receives a certificate awarded by the School.





# Courses

## **COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF SPANISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SFL) (Español como Lengua Extranjera - E/LE)**

**OPTION 1: 30 hours per week.**

**Groups: 4 to 8 students.**

**Duration: 1 week. Course timetable: mornings.**

**Scheduled starting dates.**

**OPTION 2: 25 hours per week.**

**Intensive Course (20 hours) + 5 hours of private class.**

**Duration: 1 week upwards.**

**Course timetable: mornings.**

**Starting date: any Monday.**

Training course to bring SFL teachers with or without experience up to date: includes methodology, methods and resources for the classroom, new technologies applied to the teaching of second languages, negotiation of goals, assessment, how to teach grammar involving special difficulty, Spanish culture and literature, and game-playing component.





# Activities



- Outings to the prehistoric caves of Nerja and the picturesque towns in the vicinity, such as Frigiliana and Almuñécar.
- Daytrips to Granada, Seville, Malaga and Cordoba.
- Three-day trip to Morocco.
- Sports activities: beach volleyball and horseback riding.
- Social life: school parties, "tapas tour", Spanish films and other interesting events.
- Seminars on Spanish culture and civilisation.
- Salsa and flamenco courses.
- Cookery classes and wine tasting.



Every Monday there is a welcome gathering for the presentation of activities in which new students meet one another and enjoy typical Spanish hospitality.

Consult our web page for activity dates and rates. Seminars form part of the language course. You can enrol online.

We offer a 2-week activity package at a special price that includes all activities plus a Saturday outing.

The School reserves the right to cancel or change any activity scheduled in its monthly programme.







# Accommodation

The Moorish-Andalusian style **Club Costa Nerja** with 30 rooms, is located in the Old Quarter, just a few minutes' walk from the School and beaches.



Apart from its attractive terrace and swimming pool where you can sunbathe, with views across to the sea and mountains, the building is equipped with all modern conveniences, including a lift, air conditioning, heating and solar energy.

- Standard rooms: double or single.
- Premium rooms: TV, refrigerator and kettle.

All rooms come with bathroom.

The cleaning service operates from Monday to Friday. Rates include a change of towels twice a week and change of bed linen once a week.

The Residence kitchen is a shared facility, freely available to all students staying there.

## Available to all students:

- Students' Common Room: meeting place for e-mailing, doing homework, requesting reading matter, consulting a teacher or just relaxing over a quiet drink.
- Cafeteria.
- TV lounge.
- Internet service.
- WIFI zone.
- Library.
- Study Room.
- Cinema with a wide selection of films in Spanish.





# Accommodation

## Club Costa Nerja apartments

Pleasant, comfortable and located on the School's premises.

For 1 to 2 persons, all flats have a living room, bedroom, fully-equipped kitchen, bathroom and ample terrace with views of the garden.

Facilities: TV, washing machine, air conditioning/ heating, solar energy.

Bed linen and towels, WIFI service. Flats include the use of the Club Costa Nerja swimming pool and end-of-stay cleaning service.



## 1- or 2-bedroom apartments

A ten-minute stroll away from the School and beaches, the flats are spacious and give tenants right of access to the communal swimming pool.

Living room with TV, fully-equipped kitchen with washing machine, and good-sized bathroom.

Bed linen, towels and end-of-stay cleaning service included.

1 to 4 persons.







## Other Accommodation

### Spanish host families

Ideal for pupils who wish to live with a Spanish family, learn about their customs and get even more language practice. All our registered families will treat you as just another member of the family. Homes lie within a short distance from the School and Club Costa Nerja (a maximum of 20 minutes on foot).

Single or double room with half-board: breakfast and lunch.

The main meal of the day in Spain is "al mediodía", i.e., lunch, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

### Flat shares

Very comfortable flats, near the School and beaches.

Each student has his/her own room with shared common areas (fully-equipped kitchen, living room with TV, and bathroom) Bed linen and towels are provided, and the end-of-stay cleaning service is included.





# Transport



From Malaga's Pablo Ruiz Picasso International Airport to Nerja:

- Bus service from the airport to Malaga city centre (Central Bus Station) every 20 minutes. From here, buses leave for Nerja every hour. The journey takes approximately one hour.
- Taxi from the airport to Nerja.
- The School ferry service: from Malaga International Airport to your chosen accommodation.

## Insurance

The School is covered by civil liability insurance for students on the school premises. Spain's Social Security service offers health care to European Union citizens on presentation of the necessary documentation obtained in their country of origin. Students from other countries wishing to visit Spain are advised to consult their insurance company regarding Spanish Social Security.

We recommend that you take out travel insurance to cover the possibility of your requiring medical attention. Our School offers travel and cancellation insurance in the event of illness.

