

## YOUR 10 STEP GUIDE TO ORGANISING THE PERFECT LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMME TO MALAGA

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### STEP 1 – TRIP DURATION

Many tour companies offer 4 day trips to Spain which in reality means you will only have 2 full days in the country! Keep in mind that airfare is a significant cost of the trip and to make the most of your experience in Malaga we highly recommend a minimum stay of 5 days.

### STEP 2 – ACCOMMODATION

Host family accommodation is our most popular option, students are placed 2-3 per family on a half board basis, a maximum 20 minute walk to our school. Group leaders can also opt to stay with host families in single occupancy or we can provide an apartment or hotel.

Student residencies are the perfect alternative to host family accommodation if the latter option is not permitted. There are several modern residencies within the city of Malaga which are well connected by public transport. Students are placed 2-3 per room, group leaders in twin or single occupancy on either a half or full board basis.

### STEP 3 – SPANISH CLASSES

Our morning class schedule runs from 9:00 until 13:00. Each class is 50 minutes with a mid-morning break from 10:50 until 11:10. We recommend 3-4 classes per day.

In the classroom our aim is to make the teacher the guide and the student the protagonist through a communicative approach. We place a strong emphasis on learning through interactive games, role playing and projects that connect with and interest the student. We publish our own text books and produce our own materials. We can adapt the classes to different levels and ages to complement your school curriculum. If there is a particular subject area that you would like to focus on this can be discussed in advance.

### STEP 4 – ACTIVITIES

There are many options for afternoon activities in and around Malaga including a guided tour of the city, a visit to the castle, sporting & beach games, a boat trip, paddle surf, a flamenco class, a paella class, etc. In addition, Malaga offers a wide range of museums such as the Picasso, Thyssen or Pompidou.

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### STEP 5 – EXCURSIONS

Full day guided excursions can be included to popular destinations in Andalusia such as Granada, Seville and Cordoba. Half day excursions are also on option to smaller towns. Recommended options include Ronda, a stunning town situated in rural Malaga, well known for the Puente Nuevo constructed in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and Nerja, one of the most picturesque coastal towns in Malaga with sandy beaches and a vibrant centre. For nature lovers both the natural park of El Torcal or El Caminito del Rey, 19<sup>th</sup> Century rail tracks converted into wooden walk ways that wind through caverns and mountains, offer world class hiking in spectacular surroundings.

### STEP 6 – BUDGET

Depending on accommodation, content and time of the year the cost of a 6 day programme will be between 395€ - 500€ per person exclusive of flights and insurance. If required, we can assist with the booking of group flights via an agency that we work with in the UK.

### STEP 7 – APPROVAL

We can assist with any additional information that may be required or complete risk assessment forms to obtain approval for your trip from school administration.

### STEP 8 – PROMOTION

Most schools will prepare a letter to parents, informing them of the trip proposal, outlining the content, educational value of the programme and setting a deadline for registration. If you intend to limit the size of the group it is important to state this in the letter and make it clear that places will be filled on a first come first served basis.

### STEP 9 – REGISTRATION

To register your group, we require a 30% deposit per student. Full payment is required 60 days prior to arrival. As soon as deposits are received, we will reserve accommodation, activities and schedule your Spanish classes at our school.

### STEP 10 – ARRIVAL

You've made it! Congratulations! We will welcome you to our school and be on hand to oversee all arrangements and activities during your stay.