



STUDY & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

BENALMADENA, SPAIN

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Study & Internship program combines a minimum 2 week Standard Group Spanish Study program followed up with a minimum 5 week Internship Work Experience placement in the community. All internship opportunities will work in partnership with local people in a variety of community-based projects. This unique program offers exciting hands-on work opportunities, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.



CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Lying on the south end of the Iberian Peninsula, bathed by the waters of the Mediterranean and with mountains rising steeply behind the town, the Costa del Sol offers a cosmopolitan atmosphere, magnificent beaches, starkly contrasting colors, simple and primitive fishing villages, luxuriant subtropical valleys and high mountains that protect the coast from the chill of the hinterland.

Benalmadena is a small town with approximately 30,000 inhabitants. It sits on a hill at the foot of the Mijas mountain range in the Malaga province. Originally a sleepy Andalusian fishing village with beautiful white washed houses, Benalmadena has developed into a small but lively town which retains its old charm and character.

The choice of a language course in Benalmadena offers two advantages: the first is that the town is small enough to provide a peaceful and secure environment, while large enough to offer good shops, restaurants, an open-air cinema, etc. The second is the town's cultural richness and its close proximity to other fascinating cities. Those really worth visiting include Granada, with its Alhambra, surely one of the great wonders of the world, dated 1238; Cordoba, the center of Andalusian culture; and Sevilla, with its monumental cathedrals and churches.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Study & Internship Program in Benalmadena, students will gain unique cross-cultural professional experience, greatly improved foreign language abilities, personal and professional growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and culturally sensitive yet sound communication skills.

What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 2 week minimum-20 60-minute group Spanish lessons per week in group of 5-8 students per class.
- **Internship Placement:** in local Business or Organization
- **Lodging:** In a Homestay, Aparthotel or Hotel
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
* Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage ****
** See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment, etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

STUDY PROGRAM

The study portion of the program includes 20 hours per week of Group Spanish classes with a 2 week minimum prior to internship. Average class size is 5-8 students. Spanish conversation and discussion techniques are based on real life situations and will develop skills of oral comprehension, idiomatic usage and fluency. The material used in the courses are comprised of recognized publications for foreign language learning with the additional use of an audio/visual system and supplementary material prepared by the school's skilled staff.

All courses consists of 60-minute classes and take place Monday through Friday. There are 3 levels: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. A placement exam is given at the start of the course. Intermediate Classes concentrate on grammatical structure, speaking and understanding everyday Spanish, and pronunciation. Intermediate and advanced students will focus on comprehension, communication, creative writing, idiomatic expressions, and presentations of role-playing activities.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

After the minimum 2 week study program, there is a 5 week minimum internship placement in a business or organization in Benalmadena or the surrounding areas.

Students should indicate on their application form which sector or industry they are interested in working in (e.g. tourism, insurance, architecture, etc.). We will then do our best to find a position in a company working in each student's preferred field. Please note that the more specialized the request, the more difficult it is to find a suitable company. Similarly, if students are prepared to be flexible, finding a company willing to offer work experience will normally be relatively quick and straightforward.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Staying with a host family is an interesting alternative to staying in an aparthotel as it offers an excellent opportunity to get to know the Spanish lifestyle. Most host families live within walking distance of the school, while others live about 10 to 15 minutes away traveling by train or bus. Students who select a homestay should be prepared to use public transportation. Families are carefully selected and accommodation in either a single or double room with breakfast or 2 meals daily is available.

APARTHOTELS

The school is able to provide apartments situated in a complex located 10 minutes walking distance from the school. The complex is also close to the beaches and to the town centre. These single or double room mini-apartments are furnished and each has a fully equipped kitchen, bathroom, terrace, and telephone. The complex provides a cleaning service, 24 hour reception and a swimming pool. Bed linens are provided but student must bring towels. Students receive vouchers for breakfast daily that is served at a cafeteria located in front of the school. This option is available upon request and is at additional cost.

HOTELS

Accommodation in 2 or 3 star hotels near the beaches and within walking distance is available. This option is available upon request and is at additional cost.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of minimum 2 weeks of classes, minimum of 5 weeks of internship placement and orientation, and minimum of 7 weeks total of housing ranges between:

\$3,454 → \$4,208**

***Prices range according to housing and board options.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

Only available to EU citizens.

Minimum age of 18 undergraduate, graduate students and adults with an undergraduate degree or higher are eligible. Prior experience or classes in the field of the internship placement and a Spanish background (Spanish Intermediate level) are required. Internship positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions and there is a limited number of positions every month.

ACTIVITIES

The school offers a full and varied program of cultural visits, sports, social outings and excursions through the year. Details vary from week to week and from season to season. On arrival, students will receive a welcome pack containing maps, tourist information on Benalmadena and Andalusia and full details of the weekly activities which are offered free of charge or at low prices to enable participation in as many optional visits as possible.

Activities regularly include:

- Local Visits
- Flamenco Dance lessons
- Parties
- Evening outings to cinemas, areas of cultural interest and local Spanish restaurants

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the STUDY & INTERNSHIP PROGRAM in Benalmadena, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

Also, you will have to send your Curriculum Vitae/Resume in Spanish OR English, typewritten by email to study@nrcsa.com or fax at 414-271-8884.

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.