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COLEGIO MARAVILLAS – BENALMADENA, SPAIN

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Colegio Maravillas was founded in 1976 as a private Spanish school. Only a few years later, in 1978, the Language School was opened in an independent building, only 50 meters from the main school. The building is modern with 12 large, bright classrooms, all with air-conditioning and audiovisual facilities. There is also a library, a video room, a dining room and cafeteria, and sports grounds. Students also have access to e-mail and the internet. Colegio teaches foreign languages to Spaniards as well, hence students are generally interested in conversational exchange.

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 town is small enough to provide a peaceful and secure environment, while large enough to offer good shops, restaurants, an open-air cinema, etc. It offers cultural richness and close proximity to other fascinating cities.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Spanish conversation and discussing 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 Colegio Maravillas' staff. All courses consist of 60 minute classes and take place Monday through Friday. There are 3 levels: beginners, intermediate and advanced. Maximum number of 11 students per group.

Intensive Course Group 20 hours per week. Classes are held from 9.30 to 11.30 and 12.00 to 14:00 (2:00PM) daily. 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 presentation of role-playing.

Combination Course Group/Tutor 25 hours per week - 20 Group + 5 Tutor. This is a combination of the Intensive Course of 20 hours per week and 5 private lessons in the afternoon per week. This option offers the student an opportunity to work on specific language problem areas adapting the content to meet his/her needs.

Teen Summer Program: Ages 14 - 17. Group 15 hours per week Spanish, 2 excursions per week + evening activities. The Teen Program combines formal classroom work with a varied program of leisure activities. All levels are taught, from beginner to advanced, and formal classes are held in the morning consisting

of 15 hours per week in small groups. At the end of the course, every student will receive a Colegio Course Completion Certificate. Colegio is considered one of the leading youth organizations in the south of Spain and is a member of FIYTO (Federation of International Youth Travel Organization).

The activity program includes:

- * Afternoon sports activities at the Municipal Sport Center or on the beach: tennis, volleyball, basketball, swimming, etc.
- * Local visit to Malaga, Marbella, Mijas, Nerja, etc.
- * Full-day excursion on Saturdays to Rhonda, Granada or Sevilla.
- * Evening activities: bowling, video sessions, disco parties, etc.

Accommodation is provided in a homestay that has been carefully selected by Colegio Maravillas. Each student shares a room with another student of similar age but of different nationality. Homestays provide breakfast and dinner, with lunch provided in the dining room at the school. Weekends, all 3 meals are provided by the host family.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays Staying with a host family 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. Families are carefully selected and accommodation in either a single or double room with breakfast or 2 meals daily.

Aparthotels Apartments are situated in a complex located 10 minutes walking distance from the school. These single or double room mini-apartments are furnished and each has a fully equipped kitchen, bathroom, terrace, and telephone. A cleaning service, 24 hour reception, bed linens and a swimming pool are provided. Students receive vouchers for breakfast daily at a cafeteria.

Hotels are available upon request and is at additional cost.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Periodically, optional excursions are organized, accompanied and guided by the Art professor. Excursions may be to Granada, Cordoba, Seville, Ronda and Morocco. Besides the activities included in the program, the student will be able to visit several museums, attend conferences, film and flamenco recitals.

TO REGISTER:

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

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plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

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