



Barcelona

Barcelona is a city with many faces, almost like a combination of many different cities in one. On the one hand it presents itself as a throbbing metropolis with broad boulevards, shops, bars and restaurants, on the other hand you can find village-like districts with narrow alleys and romantic squares.

You encounter modern European architecture and at the same time succumb to the charm of the Spanish Art Nouveau and the medieval Gothic quarter. You have to walk through Barcelona with your eyes open to grasp the diversity and the amount of interesting little details which are to be found everywhere, be it a nice street café, a medieval fountain or an Art Nouveau façade.



Many well-known Spanish artists from the fields of architecture, painting and design, lived and worked in Barcelona. All over the city Picasso, Miró, Dalí, and Tàpies have left their mark. The face of the city is characterized by the unique style of the architect Antoni Gaudí who designed many of the most famous symbols of Barcelona.

Barcelona stands for culture, design and cosmopolitan flair. The traditional city carnivals, the diversity of its museums, operas and concert halls as well as the music and theatre festivals fill visitors from all over the world with enthusiasm.

The special attraction of Barcelona is in its contrasts, the combination of tradition and modernity, of metropolis and village, surrounded by mountains on one side and the sea on the other. It brings together culture and nature, blending the hustle and bustle of a modern European city and Mediterranean joie de vivre.



Teaching

C² barcelona is situated in the centre of the city, close to Paseo de Gracia, the elegant boulevard containing the famous buildings of the architect Gaudí. The classrooms are located in a house which was built around 1900 and is typical in its style for the Eixample district. Our big terrace is perfect for breaks and outdoor classes.

Our participants are a dynamic mix of professionals and students from all over the world to whom we offer a progressive and effective way of learning the Spanish language. The average age of our students is between 25 and 45. Our programme also includes special courses for those over 50. Classes consist of three to six people at the most.



The classes are conducted by qualified native teachers. They are highly experienced in adult education and the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language. Working in small groups enables them to adapt their teaching plan to the individual learning processes. With their warm and friendly nature they make a huge contribution to the special atmosphere of our institute.

In our teaching methods we focus on the following aspects:

- Grammar with communicative and active methods
- Oral expression and audio-comprehension with teamwork
- Immersion into the Spanish culture through the integration of cultural aspects. Art, history, politics, society, etc. are discussed in class.



Courses

You can choose between courses of differing intensities and content. A combination of two courses as well as a change of the course type, for example from c2 Intensive 20 to c2 Intensive 30 is possible at any time.

After having enrolled to one of our language courses you will receive a level test (except beginners) the results of which we use to assign you to one of the following language levels:

- Beginners
- Elementary
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Superior



Intensive courses

c² Intensive 20

- 20 lessons per week
- Monday to Friday from 10.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.
- 4 lessons per day of 45 minutes each
- Number of participants per group: maximum 6 (July to September: maximum 8)
- Start: any Monday
- Conversation, grammar, reading and audio-comprehension, vocabulary
- Cultural, political and regional aspects

c² Intensive 30

- 30 lessons per week
- Monday to Friday from 10.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- 6 lessons per day of 45 minutes each
- Number of participants per group: maximum 6 (July to September: maximum 8)
- Start: any Monday
- Morning: Conversation, grammar, reading and audio-comprehension, vocabulary
Afternoon: Conversation and review
- Cultural, political and regional aspects

50+ course

c² Best Age

- Special language course for people from the age of 50 years up
- 20 lessons per week
- Monday to Friday from 10.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.
- 4 lessons per day of 45 minutes each
- Number of participants per group: maximum 6
- All language levels
- Start: please see price list
- Focus: practical use of the Spanish language in situations of everyday life, cultural aspects



One-to-one course

c² Individual

- You choose the number of weekly lessons yourself
- Course contents can be fixed in coordination with the teacher
- Possible in combination with all other courses
- Start: flexible





Culture

After class you have the option of taking part in a cultural programme. Our teachers accompany and guide you to all events.

Art

- Visits to exhibitions and museums, e.g. Fundació Joan Miró, Museu Picasso, Museu d'Art Contemporani de Barcelona, Caixaforum
- Visits to galleries

Architecture

- City tours
- Themed guided walks, e.g. life and work of Gaudí, Ruta del Modernisme
- Churches and historic buildings, e.g. Sagrada Família, Palau Güell, Casa Batlló
- Historic districts, e.g. Barri Gòtic, Eixample
- Parks and squares, e.g. Montjuïc, Parc Güell, Plaça Reial

Music

- Visits to operas in the Liceu
- Concerts, e.g. in the Palau de la Música, Auditori
- Jazz, tango and salsa clubs

Literature / Film

- Spanish and international films (e.g. in the Fílmoteca de Catalunya)
- Readings of contemporary literature

Current affairs

- Lectures and discussions on Spanish and Latin American society, history, politics, etc.
- City carnivals, e.g. Mercè, Fiesta Mayor de Gracia
- Spanish cuisine (cooking workshops) and tapas bars

Excursions

- Visits to cavas (champagne producers) in the Penedès region
- Montserrat
- Sitges, Tarragona
- Girona
- Figueres, Cadaqués (Dalí-museums)



Services

Advice / Information

- Information on Barcelona and Catalonia
- Practical advice about the courses, your journey and accommodation
- Online calendar of events in Barcelona

Learning

- Level test before the start of the course
- Books and folder with teaching materials
- Discussions with representatives of different professions
- Certificate
- No cancellation of classes in case of public holidays

Media

- Library with works of Spanish and Latin American authors
- Spanish and international newspapers and magazines
- Use of Internet, e-mail
- Spanish and international movies (DVD)

Leisure time

- Arrangement of accommodation for travelling companions
- Booking of car hire
- Information about and booking of cultural events (concerts, festivals etc.)
- Suggestions for weekend excursions

Bonus programme c² Puntos

- Bonus system for former students
- Free language course through the collection of points in case of recommendation of new students or re-inscription

Traineeships

- Arrangement of traineeships in different types of companies

Others

- Airport transfer
- 24-hour contact number
- Coffee break with refreshments and snacks
- Reductions for long-term stays and University students



Accommodation

Please choose your preferred accommodation for your stay in Barcelona.

The accommodation is an important part of your language holiday and decisive for a pleasant stay in Barcelona. Therefore, we take your age and your individual wishes into account when choosing appropriate accommodation.

We select the flats and families personally. Many satisfied students attest to the quality of our accommodation, many of whom have been in our programme for years.

All accommodation is within easy reach of the school and the city centre by foot or within a few minutes by Metro.

Host family

- Lodging with personal contact to locals
- Possibility of language exchange
- Breakfast or half board
- Single and double rooms

Shared flats

- Lodging with other language students / locals
- Single and double rooms
- Flats with two to four bedrooms
- Completely equipped – bed linen, towels, etc.
- Common kitchen, bathroom and living room

Apartment

- Individual lodging in the centre of Barcelona
- Flats of different sizes
- Kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, and living room
- Completely equipped
- High comfort
- Especially for longer stays

Hotel

- Reservation of hotels and guest houses
- Standard and luxurious categories
- Single and double rooms
- Many options in the vicinity of the school

