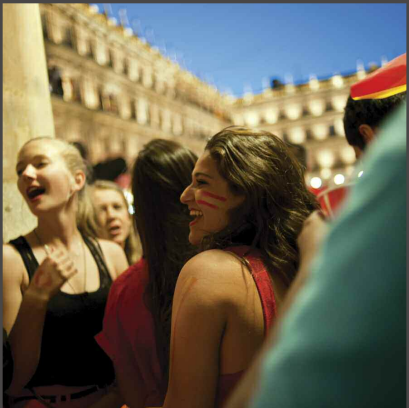
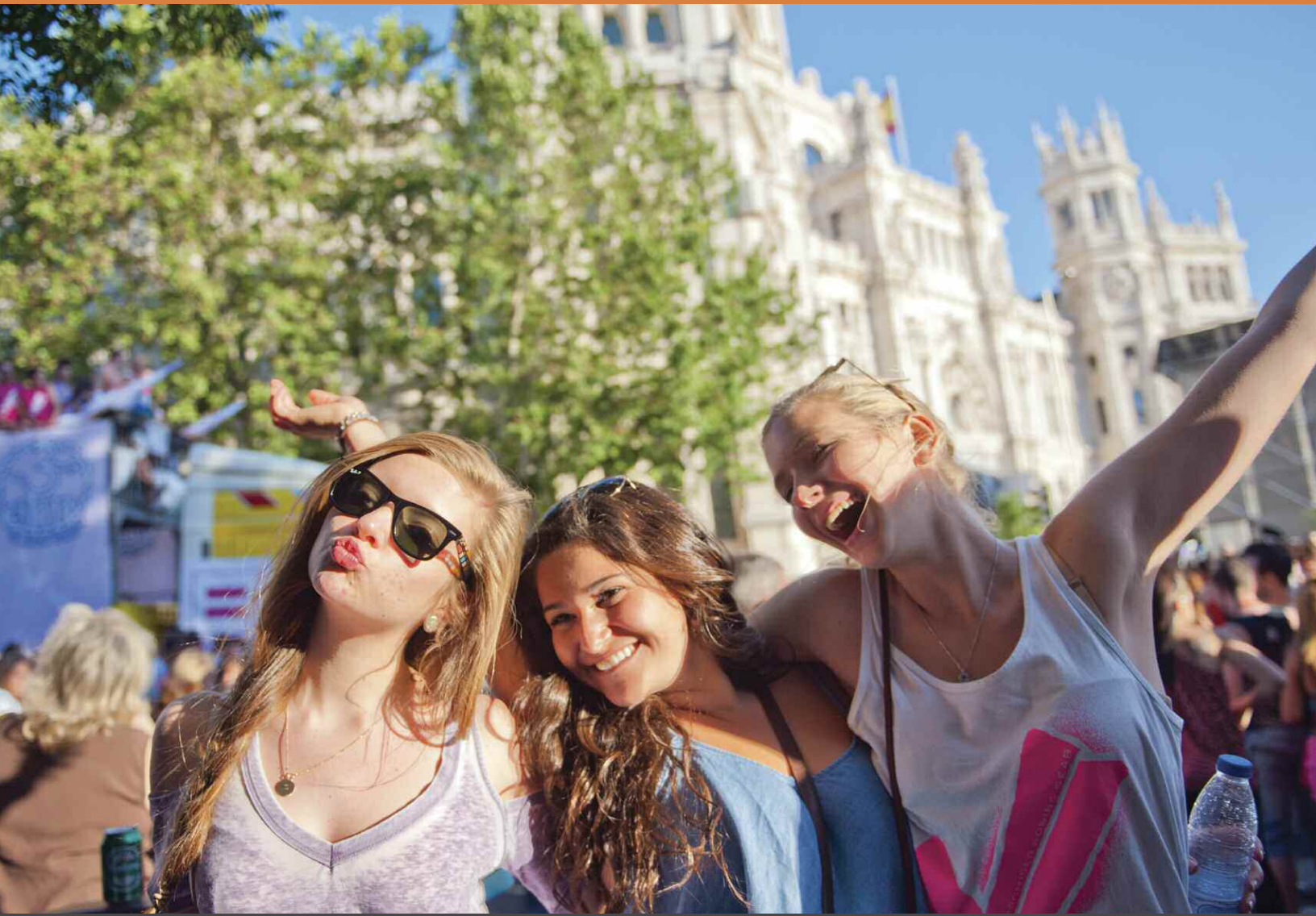




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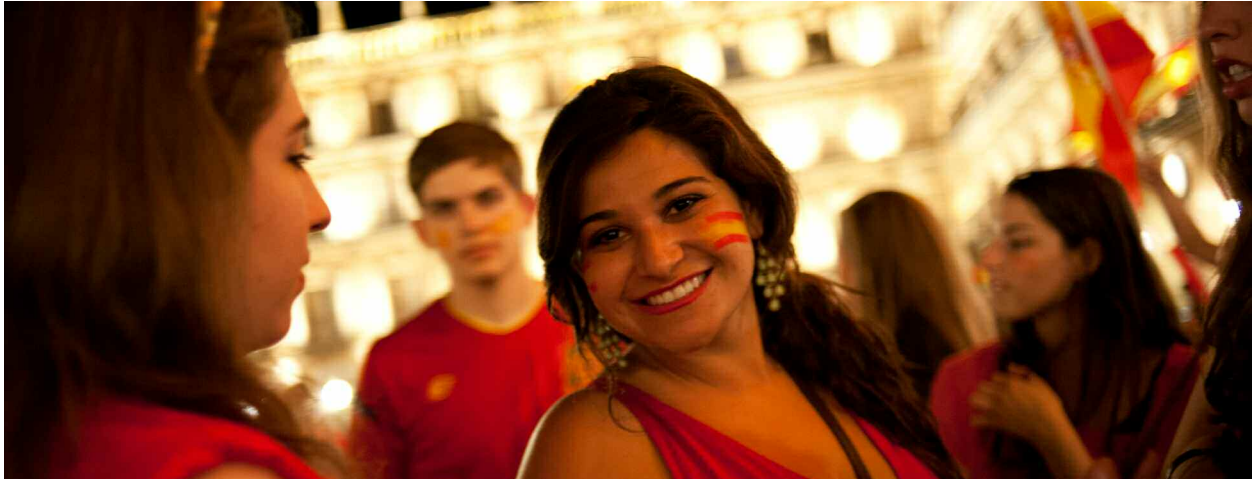


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#### Why an ECI Immersion program?

**Quality** - from sign up to journey home

**Carefully planned and expertly executed programs.**

Professional team of leaders & ECI staff. Internationally recognized language schools. Top-rated hotels and immaculate dorms. Engaging, hands-on, educational and fun activities.

**Immersion** - unique to ECI

**Volunteer host families offer an authentic family experience in exclusive locations.**

No other Study Abroad program does it quite like ECI. Immersion week is fundamental to the success of ECI programs. Individual and total language & cultural immersion in French or Spanish family life.

**Results** - ECI programs deliver

**ECI Programs yield results expected from language Study Abroad.**

Students consistently report an improvement in their language ability - attributed to the finely tuned, quality ECI program structure and unique Immersion Week opportunity.

**Experience** - benefiting students' futures

**15th year of delivering life-changing summer programs for groups and individuals.**

Thousands of students have gained independence, a sense of adventure, made friends for life and had their horizons widened by taking part in an ECI program. ECI programs have played a key part in students' future careers and lives.



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# 1. Group Immersion programs

## Four program components

ECI group programs in Spain are made up of four distinct program components - each designed to improve your language skills and provide you with a sound cultural and historical knowledge of Spain.



### 1. Madrid - Your introduction to Spain

Your adventure begins with three fantastic days in Madrid, visiting the major sites and staying in a high quality hotel in the heart of the city.

This is a great introduction to your program. You will be met at the airport by your Local Leader and taken to your hotel in central Madrid. Over the next three days you will visit the major sites, including the Prado Museum and Retiro Park. There will be free time to explore the bustling, busy center of this modern city. Sample Spanish cuisine at its best with group restaurant dinners during your stay in the capital.

### 2. Nerja or Salamanca - two weeks of study and cultural activities

Spend two weeks in centrally located residences. There will be daily morning classes and afternoon hands-on and cultural activities. In Nerja, activities include learning to cook Spanish food, visiting the beautiful Spanish whitewashed village of Frigiliana and kayaking. Salamanca activities include visiting a traditional ranch, salsa dancing and playing soccer.

Your daily conversation and grammar classes with native speakers take place at some of Spain's most reputable language schools. This will prepare you for your week of Spanish-speaking total immersion.

### **3. One week of immersion - a unique opportunity to live with a volunteer Spanish family**

Experience one week of living with a carefully chosen family in Seville or San Sebastian. There is no better way to improve your Spanish.

This program component is individual, and a wonderful opportunity for you to put your Spanish skills to the test. For one week you will be fully immersed in Spanish family life. There are no group activities, but your chaperones will be on hand throughout.

### **4. Southern tour or Barcelona - enjoy four days of sightseeing at the end of your program**

Your Salamanca, North & South program culminates in four days of touring in the south of Spain. After your Immersion Week in San Sebastian, ECI takes you south to Seville, Granada and the beautiful beach town of Nerja on the Costa del Sol.

You will fly from San Sebastian to Seville, where you will visit the unique Alcázar, followed by a day in Granada, where among other highlights, you will visit the Alhambra and experience a flamenco show. Your final two days will be spent in the beautiful resort town of Nerja on the Costa del Sol, enjoying beach activities and kayaking.

Your Southern Spain & Barcelona program culminates in a four-day sightseeing and cultural trip to magnificent Barcelona. After your Immersion Week in Seville, ECI provides you with a fantastic finale to your program.

Visit the major sites, including the Olympic port & city beach, Gaudí's church - the Sagrada Familia, and the famous Barcelona football stadium, Camp Nou. You will also get a great overview of all the city highlights with an open-top double-decker bus tour. Other activities will include a picnic in Gaudí's amazing Parque Güell, attending a fabulous live sound & light show at the Royal Palace, and shopping on Las Ramblas.

## 2. Your program towns - Salamanca or Nerja



### Salamanca

Salamanca is one of the most popular cities in Spain in which to study Spanish, and it is clear to see why. As one of the country's most prestigious university towns, Salamanca is ideally suited to the many students it accommodates year-round, both Spanish and international, with its cultural life and a user-friendly downtown.

At the heart of the city is the imposing central hub - Plaza Mayor. This vibrant and bustling square, which easily rivals St. Mark's in Venice, is the scene of daily entertainment, café culture, music, shopping, evening strolls, ice cream parlors, and all forms of general crowd gathering. You too will enjoy soaking up its ambience.

### Nerja

Nerja, once a quiet fishing village, is small, friendly and safe, and in summer the atmosphere is vibrant and lively with locals and students alike all enjoying the fantastic climate and vacation atmosphere of the town. Improve your Spanish and enjoy all that this wonderful Costa del Sol beach town has to offer.

The hub of the town is the striking Balcon de Europa - a tree lined plaza perched on a headland with stunning views out to sea. This is a humming hive of activity all day long, with shops, cafés, street entertainment and plenty of people-watching opportunities.

If you are looking for a Study Abroad program that combines improving your Spanish, immersing yourself in Spanish culture, and having fun at the beach - this is it.





## 3. Group classes & activities

During the two weeks in your program town you will spend weekday mornings taking Spanish classes and afternoons & weekends taking part in fun and cultural activities and excursions.



### Classes

ECI works with a highly reputable schools in both Nerja and Salamanca. All language teachers are native speakers and have had solid professional experience teaching Spanish as a foreign language. The schools have a range of educational resources, including a bookstore, library, multimedia room, & internet terminals.

#### Important information about classes:

- You will be assigned to a particular class level based on a placement test you complete before leaving the US.
- There are four fifty-minute classes each morning, Monday through Friday.
- The maximum number of students per class is ten.
- You will have conversation classes, oral and written exercises, structured grammar, audio & video practice drills, and, depending on your level, conversation on cultural topics.

### Language Partners

To complement classes we have our unique Language Partner program - structured conversational sessions with Spanish teens and university students. In groups of two to three, you will spend a few hours visiting a local sight or café together - a great opportunity to ask questions about what it is like to be a young person living in Spain. Many of our students report back to us that this was one of their favorite activities!

## University credit - build your college application

ECI's university credit option gives you the opportunity to earn up to three Spanish semester units through the University of Southern Mississippi. These credits are transferable and are accepted by most accredited universities in the United States.

### Important Information about Earning Credit

1. If you opt to earn credit for this program you will be given a course number and description by the university, which will be based on a placement test. The course will be worth up to three semester units of credit.
2. Transcripts remain on file for you to use when you apply for and ultimately attend a university after high school. Three units of credit are equal to one semester-long course at a university.
3. You must sign up for credit in the spring prior to your summer program.
4. All enrollment paperwork for university credit is sent directly to you by ECI.
5. You will take a placement test online prior to departure, usually in April/May.
6. You will be required to do some additional work. Specific details of these requirements will be given to you prior to the time you must make your decision to enroll for the credit (usually in the spring).
7. Following the completion of the program, USM will assign you a letter grade that goes on an official transcript.
8. You can include the completion of this course on your college applications and send out copies of your official transcript to your prospective universities/colleges. You can also choose NOT to send out the transcript, based on your satisfaction with your letter grade.
9. A fee of \$560 is paid to the University of Southern Mississippi, plus a \$175 administrative fee paid to ECI.

## Cultural activities

Nerja and Salamanca are ideal places for a Spanish language & culture program - we are able to offer you a wealth of hands-on cultural activities and local excursions. You will try your hand at cooking Spanish cuisine, and you will have a salsa class, a fun visit to a ranch, or a kayaking adventure. You will also enjoy tapas tasting with Language Partners, beach sports, and a scavenger hunt. Also included are excursions to the incredible cities of Granada or Segovia.



## 4. Group program Immersion Week

**We are enormously proud of this unique program component. It continues to be one of the main highlights of our group trips and is proven time and again to be the most beneficial aspect of the program.**



You will travel by bus from Nerja to Seville, or from Salamanca to San Sebastian, where you will be met by all the host families. After brief introductions, your volunteer family will take you to their home, where you will be warmly welcomed. The majority of our families have teenagers of a similar age to you, and one of the goals for the Immersion Week is that you develop a strong bond with the children in the family, and even form the beginnings of a life-long friendship. But as this an immersion experience with the entire family, we encourage you to also spend as much time as possible building a relationship and talking Spanish with everyone, including the grandmother or the toddler in the family.

You will either have your own room or share with a host family sibling. During the week you will speak only Spanish and there will be no group activities. You will simply fit in with the routine of your Spanish family. This is an authentic and unique opportunity to live the life of a Spanish teenager. During this week your family will take you on local sightseeing excursions, including the major highlights of Seville or San Sebastian themselves. You may visit your family's friends, or may simply spend a lot of quality time with your family members at home, as they go about their daily lives. Regardless, all of this is immensely valuable in helping you to improve your spoken Spanish and knowledge of Spanish culture.

Your US leaders will be in Seville or San Sebastian with you, and will be on call 24/7 in case you have any issues or concerns. They will also check in with you regularly by phone to make sure you are settling in and comfortable in your family.



## 5. Where will you stay?



### In Madrid

You will stay in a centrally located hotel, within walking distance of all the major highlights, including the Puerto del Sol and the Plaza Mayor. We always choose high quality hotels, and usually 4\*. You will be in a twin room (two beds) with ensuite facilities. Breakfasts will be at the hotel and evening meals in city center restaurants.

### In Nerja or Salamanca

You will spend two weeks living in a residence (dorm-like accommodation) just a short walk to the language school and all the major sites and amenities both cities have to offer. You will stay in a twin room, occasionally a triple. All bedding and towels are provided. The residencia has a common area for relaxing, and laundry facilities are available close to the residence. Evening meals are served at the residencia.

### In Seville or San Sebastian

During your Immersion Week, you will live with a family in either Seville or San Sebastian. This could mean living in an apartment in the heart of the cities or in a beautiful and possibly large house in one of the surrounding small towns or villages, but still within the Seville or San Sebastian region.



## In Barcelona

During your four nights in Barcelona at the end of the Southern Spain & Barcelona group program, you will stay in twin rooms in a city-center, high quality, comfortable hotel. Breakfasts will be at the hotel and evening meals in quality restaurants.

## During the tour

At the end of the Salamanca, North & South group program, while in Granada and Seville you will stay in high quality, comfortable hotels in twin rooms. In Nerja on the Costa del Sol, you will stay in a beachside resort hotel, very close to the beach and within walking distance to the small seaside town center of Nerja.



## 6. A day in Salamanca or Nerja

Every day of your trip will of course be different, but during the program town portion, each day will follow a specific pattern:

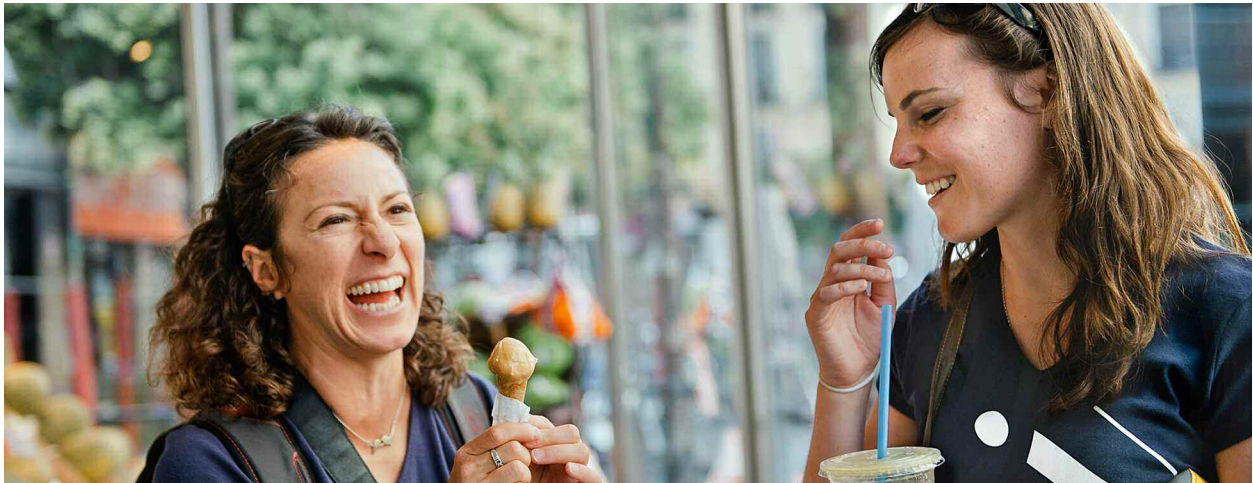


- 8-9AM:** Breakfast
- 9AM-1PM:** Attend morning classes
- 1PM-1:30PM:** Daily meeting with chaperones & other students
- 1:30PM-4PM:** Lunch at the dorm. Free time for relaxation
- 4PM-7PM:** Join ECI leaders for afternoon activities
- 7PM-9PM:** Enjoy free time with friends
- 9PM-10PM:** Dinner
- 10PM- 11:30PM:** Enjoy group cultural & social activities with chaperones and/or Language Partners
- 11:30PM:** Groups meet up for check-in
- Midnight:** Back at the dorm in time for curfew

**After dark, students are always in chaperoned groups for activities.**

## 7. In their own words

Some of the many great comments we've had from parents and students about last year's group programs in Spain.



### Parents

*"The summer abroad program was a great experience for our daughter. She told me that she definitely wants to do a Junior year abroad when she is in college!"*

- **Melinda Luster, parent**

*"Our daughter had the time of her life. She grew and matured in so many ways. She made great friends, really used her Spanish, loved the museums, and enjoyed walking through the towns taking pictures and looking at the architecture and historic sites."*

- **Sarah Willmer, parent**

*"ECI runs an excellent program and made the whole experience, from registration to trip to home, feel easy to negotiate and carry out. Thank you to all the US staff and Spain staff."*

- **Maria Miceli, parent**

*"ECI's study abroad program was very well organized. Our daughter has become more confident and able to communicate in Spanish."*

- **Jessica Fass, parent**

### Students

*"My Immersion host family was so nice and treated me as one of their own kids. They explained various cultural aspects to me and took me to historical sites. It allowed me to really practice my Spanish skills."*

- **Anais Mitra**

*"I felt very welcome in the Immersion family home and in their daily lives. They did an excellent job of immersing me into their culture."*

- **Charlotte Lobdell**

*"My host family's food was delicious and they treated me like one of the family. They took me to do many activities such as sight seeing, going to the beach, and riding bikes. It gave me a better understanding of the Spanish lifestyle."*

- **Eena Kosik**

*"My immersion family always had activities planned for me and I never felt bored. My understanding of how to use the language improved immensely during that week."*

- **Patrick Scalise**

## 8. Your program town - Almeria

**Individual Immersion in Almeria, on the Costa del Sol.**



Almeria is a great Individual Immersion program location. The city holds a great deal of charm and is steeped in history. Located at the foot of a mountain range, crowned by a magnificent Arab fortress, Almeria's Andalusian legacy can be seen everywhere, including in the surrounding villages and in its gastronomy.

Almeria's nearby mountainous territory is also much used as a movie location, and is most famous for being the backdrop to the Spaghetti Westerns of the seventies. It's a beautiful place to spend time soaking up the sun, along with the culture, and all the while improving your spoken Spanish.

**Spend your summer at the beach and improve your Spanish.**





## 9. A flexible & individual program



### 2 to 4 weeks living with a family

An amazing opportunity to improve your spoken Spanish, learn about the Spanish and Andalusian culture from the inside, and create bonds with a Spanish family.

### You choose the dates

Travel any time between July 1st and August 22nd. The length of stay is up to you. Students usually stay for between two and four weeks, but some stay longer.

### Customize your trip

If you want to take tennis lessons, dance classes, or keep up with swim practice during your immersion stay, we will do all we can to accommodate your requests. Whatever your interest, we are happy to arrange it for you in Almeria.

### Regular check-ins

Our dedicated Host Family Coordinator will regularly check in with you to make sure you are comfortable in your family and getting the most out of your immersion experience.

# 10. The host family experience

Unique ECI Individual Immersion with a volunteer family in the south of Spain



## Arrival

You will be met at the airport by your Host Family Coordinator. You will then be taken directly to your volunteer host family's home. During the journey to Almeria, your HF Coordinator will give you information about the local area and advice about living in a family. Your family will be expecting you, so you can be sure of a warm Andalusian welcome.

## Getting to know your family

The majority of our families have teenagers of a similar age to you, and one of the goals for the Individual Immersion program is that you develop a strong bond with the children in the family, and even form the beginnings of a life-long friendship. However, as this is an immersion with the entire family, we encourage you to also spend as much time as possible building a relationship and talking Spanish with each family member, whether it be the grandmother or the toddler in the family.



## Living with a family

You will either have your own room or share with a host family sibling. You will speak only Spanish, and because this is an Individual Immersion program there will be no group activities. You will simply fit in with the routine of your Spanish family. This is an authentic and unique opportunity to live the life of a Spanish teenager. Your family will take you on local sightseeing excursions, including the highlights of Almeria, or to visit friends, or may simply spend a lot of quality time with you at home, going about their daily lives. Regardless, all of this is immensely valuable in helping you to improve your spoken Spanish and knowledge of Spanish culture.

## Regular check-ins

Your HF Coordinator will be on call 24/7 in case you have any issues or concerns. She will also check in with you regularly by phone to make sure you are settling in and comfortable in your family. She will arrange to meet up with you outside of the home in order for you to feel comfortable in discussing any issue or concern you may have, however small. This is sometimes done with other US students who are in the program town at the same time as you students often find it really useful to meet up for this brief period of time to swap stories about their experience of the program so far.



# 11. Activities

**Total immersion, total flexibility - totally fun!**



With no program of planned activities you will simply live the life of a typical Spanish teenager in Almeria.

This means that your family will offer to take you on local excursions or sightseeing in Almeria and the surrounding region. But you will also spend time immersed in the daily routines of the family. Enjoy mealtimes, going shopping with your host parents, going to the beach, family parties, or just relaxing and enjoying getting to know your family.

**And your Spanish will improve along the way.**



## 12. Customize your trip

During your immersion stay in Almeria you may want to take the opportunity to add some additional features to your program.



In the past, students have requested horseback riding or tennis lessons, for example. Some have wanted to take dance classes or even a short intensive program of one-on-one Spanish classes in Almeria to consolidate their learning during immersion.

It is also possible for you to join onto portions of our group programs. For example, you could add on any of the following portions to your individual immersion program:

- 4 day Barcelona portion
- 3 day Madrid portion
- 4 day southern Spain touring portion

Some students have even taken part in our two week group Spanish classes portion in Nerja or Salamanca and combined it with their individual immersion. All of this is possible, providing the dates fit.

**Please discuss your requests with our office, and we'll be happy to make it work for you.**

## 13. Which program?

### Spain group or individual program?



Our group programs are designed to expose you to all aspects of the Spanish experience, including:

- Regular classes at reputable language schools.
- Numerous organized cultural activities that allow you to interact with the language and culture of Spain.
- A three day stay in the capital city of Madrid.
- A four day tour ensuring you see the highlights of some of Spain's most famous cities, including Seville and Granada, or a four day trip to Barcelona.

You will also have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend a week with a volunteer host family - a total immersion experience only offered by ECI. Our group programs also allow you to make new friends on the trip, try your hand at dorm living and provide you with a sense of independence.

However, you may be looking for a complete and total immersion experience - one where there are no organised group activities and where you speak only Spanish the entire length of your stay. Living with a family during the Individual Immersion program definitely meets those requirements.

If you already have a reasonably good level of Spanish, if you are independently minded, and totally committed to immersing yourself in the Spanish culture and language for the duration of your trip, this is a fantastic opportunity to enormously improve your spoken Spanish abilities. With an Individual Immersion program you also have the flexibility to choose your dates of travel and the length of your stay.

**Whichever program you choose, our unique Immersion component ensures your Spanish will improve.**

## 14. Spain group - city or beach program?

If you choose to take part in a group program, you need to decide on the best program for you. Here's a quick comparison:



### Salamanca, North & South

- 3 days in Madrid
- 2 weeks of classes & activities in the university city of Salamanca
- 1 week of Individual Immersion in the northern coastal town of San Sebastian
- 4 days of touring in Andalusia in the south of Spain

### Southern Spain & Barcelona

- 3 days in Madrid
- 2 weeks of classes & activities in Nerja on the Costa del Sol
- 1 week of Individual Immersion in Seville in the south of Spain
- 4 days in Barcelona



## 15. Am I eligible?

### To take part in a Group Immersion program you must:

- Be between the ages of 14 and 18.
- Have completed coursework equivalent to one year of high school Spanish (equal to two years of middle school Spanish) by June 2016. Exceptions can sometimes be made with a teacher recommendation.
- Receive a positive teacher recommendation. ECI provides the form.
- Be committed to speaking and improving your Spanish.
- Be open to new experiences and unfamiliar cultures.
- Be able to make responsible choices and act in a mature manner. ECI leaders chaperone conscientiously, but cannot be with you 24 hours per day.
- Be in good physical health, able to walk distances, climb stairs & carry luggage.
- Have a valid passport.

### To take part in the Individual Immersion program you must:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 21.
- Have completed coursework equivalent to two years of high school Spanish by June 2016. Exceptions can sometimes be made with a teacher recommendation.
- Receive a positive teacher recommendation. ECI provides the form.
- Be committed to speaking and improving your Spanish.
- Be open to new experiences and unfamiliar cultures.
- Be able to make responsible choices and act in a mature manner. ECI's Host Family coordinator is on-hand, but cannot be with you 24 hours per day.
- Be in good physical health, able to walk distances, climb stairs & carry luggage.
- Have a valid passport.

## 16. Meet and Greet service

You have the choice of traveling round-trip on one of our chaperoned flights (organized via our travel partner STA Travel) or making your own separate flight plans for our group programs.

If you make your own separate flight plans, you are also responsible for making your own arrangements to meet up with the chaperones and group, unless you choose our Meet & Greet Service, which carries an additional fee of \$185 minimum per direction. With the Meet & Greet service, an ECI representative will meet you at the airport or any other designated arrival place. Shortly before your departure, ECI will provide you with all necessary contact information, phone numbers, and a detailed meeting place and time. You will then be taken to join up with rest of the group. The Meet & Greet service is also available for the return trip, and we highly recommend it in either direction if you are not traveling with the group.

For the Individual Immersion program you are responsible for making your own flight arrangements, but ECI includes a Meet & Greet service for all Individual Immersion students. An ECI representative will meet you at the airport closest to Almeria or any other designated arrival place near to Almeria. Shortly before your departure, ECI will provide you with all necessary contact information, phone numbers, and a detailed meeting place and time. You will then be taken to your host family. The Meet & Greet service will also be provided for the return trip.

Remember that airline schedules are always subject to change. Please contact ECI to discuss the Meet & Greet option.

# 17. Dates and fees

## When?

### **Salamanca, North & South**

June 22nd to July 21st 2016

### **Southern Spain & Barcelona**

June 29th to July 27th 2016

### **Individual Immersion Costa del Sol**

From 2-4 weeks anytime from July 1st to August 20th 2016

## Fees?

### **Salamanca, North & South**

\$7695 + airfare

### **Southern Spain & Barcelona**

\$7995 + airfare

### **Individual Immersion Costa del Sol**

\$1195 per week\* + airfare (\* one-week-only supplement of \$575)



## 18. The ECI team

**We have a whole team of ECI staff. Each one is highly trained and is expected to meet exacting ECI standards.**



### US leaders (group programs only)

Are responsible for your welfare from the moment you board the plane together in the US until the return journey. Most chaperones are high-school language teachers with extensive travel abroad experience, and all are enthusiastic leaders, fully trained by ECI. Many are Spanish teachers who take the opportunity to spend their summer in Spain as a way of maintaining their Spanish links and enhancing their classroom teaching skills. ECI carefully selects chaperones on the basis of language ability, maturity, patience, judgment and professionalism.

### Local Leader (group programs only)

We always have at least one native Spanish speaker as part of the chaperone team. This Local Leader has expert local knowledge which is vital to the smooth running of the trip. A constant source of local information and guidance throughout the trip, these leaders are instructed to speak ONLY Spanish for the duration of the trip.

### Program Coordinator (group programs only)

Our Program Coordinator is based in Spain and, together with the other member of the European team, coordinates the activities, excursions and all the other pieces that make up the program, including arranging accommodations, the language classes and Meet & Greet personnel. All planning takes place well in advance of your arrival in order to ensure a smoothly run and successful program.



## Host Family Coordinator

Our HF coordinators are based in San Sebastian, Seville and Almeria and arrange the families for each of our students. The ECI Immersion program is well-established in these areas, and our Coordinators are able to recruit volunteer families to host through their connections in the region. Our programs are highly-regarded among the local communities, and Spanish families look forward to welcoming a US student into their homes each year. The family/student matching process starts with you writing a letter to your prospective family, giving details about your interests and hobbies. Our Coordinators will arrange a family best suited to you based on this information.

For our Individual Immersion students in Almeria, your Host Family Coordinator will be on-hand throughout your experience, as part of the ECI support team. She will visit you in your host family home and also meet up with you during your stay to make sure all is going well.

## US team

Before your trip starts, you will be in communication with our US team who will provide you with all the information you need during the application process. It is their role to guide you through the application process, including advice about writing your letter, uploading photographs, insurance questions, university credit, and making payments. They will also make sure you have all the necessary pre-departure information, including an itinerary and Study Abroad student handbook, giving you practical advice about your program. They will also arrange an online pre-departure meeting in preparation for your travel to Spain.

## 19. What next?

Based on our years of feedback, we can safely say that, as a student, you will have the time of your life, form close host family bonds, experience authentic Spanish culture, and gain a sense of independence and a new-found confidence. As a parent, you will feel secure in the knowledge that the program is carefully planned and executed, that every detail is taken care of, both before and during the trip, and that a committed and experienced team of US and local staff will ensure the program matches/exceeds your expectations.

### Need more information?

- Please email our main office: [info@educulture.com](mailto:info@educulture.com)
- Check out our FAQs on the website - [educulture.com](http://educulture.com)
- Watch our informative videos - available on the website: [educulture.com/about/video-gallery/](http://educulture.com/about/video-gallery/)
- Read our blog posts on a wide variety of Study Abroad-related topics - [educulture.com/blog/](http://educulture.com/blog/)
- Take a look at our Facebook page and Twitter feed - [facebook.com/Edu.Culture.Immersion](https://facebook.com/Edu.Culture.Immersion)
- Take a look at our Twitter feed - [twitter.com/educulture](https://twitter.com/educulture)

### Want to talk to someone at ECI?

Call us at: 510-261-8182

### Ready to sign up?

Complete our online application - [educulture.com/apply](http://educulture.com/apply)



# Application Procedure 2016 Summer Programs

1. The fastest way to reserve a space on your chosen program is to use our online option for application and payment. Go to <http://educulture.com> and click the the **Apply Now** link.
2. Select your program, then Book Now. Complete the online Booking Form and make a \$1000 credit card deposit payment to reserve your spot. This deposit will be credited towards the total summer Program Fee.
3. Alternatively, you may complete the application page found at the end of this packet and mail it with a \$1000 check made payable to ECI.
4. You will receive an automatic receipt invoice, and shortly after other pre-departure information, including details about submitting a teacher recommendation form, medical authorization, and writing a letter to your host family.
5. A second payment of \$1000 is due 4 weeks after the initial sign-up and deposit payment.
6. The balance of payment is due by **April 30th, 2016**.

**Please note:** this is our general payment plan. To arrange a customized option or for any additional information, contact us at 510-261-8182 or at [info@educulture.com](mailto:info@educulture.com).



## Additional Payment Information – 2016 Summer Programs

- All deposits will be deducted from the Total Program Fee.
- It is your responsibility to make sure all payments arrive at ECI's office by their due dates. You must assume responsibility for late payments due to mail delays or other unlikely circumstances. Students whose payments are not received on time may lose their place in the program or be subject to a late payment charge.
- Applications made 60 or fewer days prior to departure will be treated on an individual space-available basis. Full payment will be due at the time of application, and completed application materials will be due within one week.

## Edu-Culture International (ECI) Refund Policy

Prior to December 3, 2015: **All Program Fee payments less \$150**

Between December 3, 2015, and March 4, 2016: **All Program Fee payments less \$500**

Between March 4, 2016, and June 3, 2016: **All Program Fee payments less \$1200**

After June 3, 2016: **No refund**

**Cancellations must be received by ECI in writing by the above dates for refunds.**

*Any student who is unwilling to abide by ECI guidelines or who is believed to jeopardize the welfare of others will be dismissed without refund of program fees and sent home at the expense of his/her parents. ECI reserves the right to cancel any program due to insufficient enrollment. In this case, all program fees would be refunded.*

ECI **does not** provide medical, travel or cancellation/interruption insurance. **Please ensure you arrange medical and travel insurance prior to departure.** We also strongly advise the purchase of cancellation/interruption insurance.





# Preliminary Mail-In Application Form

Please mail this page with a \$1000 check to ECI:

**ECI**  
**P.O Box 27470**  
**Oakland, CA 94602**

Check the program to which you are applying:

**SPAIN:**

- Salamanca North and South
- Southern Spain and Barcelona
- Individual program in Spain (Costa del Sol)

**FRANCE:**

- Nice, Beaches and Paris
- Individual program in France (French Alps)

Please print the **student and parent email addresses** clearly on the form below, as future correspondence will be sent to you via those email addresses.

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Best Day Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Best Evening Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student's School \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Language Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Years of foreign language completed as of June 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

*(2 yrs. of middle school count as one year of high school)*