



Spain

SA GRANADA

City: Granada

Population: 241,000

School Name: SA Granada

School Location: Next to the city center

Website: www.spanishabroad.com/spain/Granada/dq/dq.htm

GRANADA

Spanning three centuries, a magnificent and rich Islamic culture flourished, endowing Granada with architectural marvels of the caliber of the Alhambra, declared a World Heritage Site, along with the Generalife and the Albaicín. Overlooking the entire city of Granada, the Alhambra sits majestically atop a large hill, as the most recognizable construction in the city. The world famous Alhambra is an impressive complex that is part fortress, part palace, and a masterpiece of Moorish architecture. This beautiful structure gets its name from the hill on which it stands, the "Al-Hambra" or the "Red One". Down below, in the city center, old fortress walls stand guard over the rich Moorish heritage of times gone by.

One area of particular interest is the Albaicín, the old Moorish district. This area is a maze of winding alleys and streets lined of quaint little homes, shops, bars, and restaurants. There is nothing more relaxing, in this area, than to sit in an outdoor patio while enjoying a nighttime view of the Alhambra. Teeming with life, Granada is also a large university town, with plenty of activities to do and people to meet. Items of special interest are flamenco, music, art, and the theater.

The area surrounding Granada also offers many interesting options for just about any interest. Less than a half hour away rise the snow covered peaks of the Sierra Nevada, a favorite destination for skiers. Just south of the city, no more than 2 hours away, are the inviting and sunny beaches of the Costa del Sol. A few hours away by train one can enjoy the wonderful city life that Sevilla and Madrid are so well known for.

WHY GRANADA?

- World famous Alhambra
- Radiant university town
- Flamenco, dance, music, art and more!
- Skiing and surfing only a few hours away
- Nostalgic old streets and shops

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Our partner Spanish language school (SA Granada) a great school located very centrally within Granada. The Spanish school has 5 classes, all equipped with TV, video and dvd, a small library, internet access (including WIFI), and an booking service for trips. The atmosphere at the school is intimate and relaxed. If you want a personalize program this Spanish school is a great choice for you. Additionally the building is centrally heated and air-conditioned: both indispensable features in Granada, where summer and winter temperatures can be extreme.

The Spanish language school resides in a safe and quiet area in the city center. Its location is at stone's throw from the Cathedral and within walking distance of the Alhambra, El Albaicín and the Conference Center. Buses depart not far from the Spanish language school almost every hour in the direction of the Sierra Nevada or the Mediterranean.

This Spanish language school opened its doors in Granada in the early 1990's, and today has a reputation as one of the finest organizations in Spain. The lessons at the Spanish language school in Granada, Spain are lively and varied. The emphasis is on conversation but, of course, the school also pays attention to grammar, reading, listening and writing. In the classes, the Spanish language school makes use of overhead projectors, video and other audiovisual materials. To ensure that the lessons are as practical as possible, you will work with newspaper articles and learn how to conduct a telephone conversation in Spanish for example. Films and documentaries will also be viewed, songs will be listened to and menus read. In addition, you will give talks and take part in role-play situations.

SCHOOL FACTS

- Comfortable facilities
- Offers a very personalized experience
- Reputable and experienced school
- Great location

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Standard Program. Group Spanish instruction 4 lessons per day, 5-8 students per class. This course is offered at all levels from total beginner to advanced. Through various activities, practices and exercises, designed for each level, you will gradually acquire and develop the necessary strategies to understand and communicate messages in Spanish, oral as well as written.

Intensive Program. Group Spanish instruction 6 lessons per day, 5-8 students per class. If you have a short period of time or need something intensive, this is a great program.

Mini Group Program. If you prefer a more intensive Spanish language program you can take either 4 or 5 lessons per day in group classes with NO MORE than 5 people in a class. The structure is the same as the other programs however you will be in a much smaller class.

Private Instruction. 4 or 6 lessons per day. This course is perfect for those who need specialized instruction or who will only be in Spain for a short period of time.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Host Family. Accommodation in a host family allows you to get the maximum out of your course. Many of the host families that the Spanish school employs have worked with them since the Spanish school was founded. The families know from experience what the role of a host is.

Nowhere else will you directly experience real Spanish life and nothing could be better to help improve your language skills. However the word 'family' should not be taken too literally, because your family could also be a single parent who takes in students because he or she enjoys the company. Sometimes there is also a Spanish student living with the family.

It is obvious that you will have to adjust a little to the rules of the house. Remember too, that Spanish people have different eating habits. Apart from that, you are free to do what you want. You will be given your own keys, so you can come and go as you please. You will be able to receive phone calls from within the home.

Student Flat. You share a student flat with four or five other students. The student flats are not very luxurious but they have all the basic facilities (a bed, chair and wardrobe). Each student flats has a living room with TV, a fully equipped kitchen, a washing machine and iron. In student flats there are no telephones available. You can make phone calls from one of the many phone boxes. You share the kitchen and the bathroom and, together, keep the house clean. Shared areas are cleaned once per week.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The school also offers a variety of interesting cultural activities and weekend excursions allowing student the chance to really get to know Spain.

