



Spain

DON QUIJOTE

City: Madrid

Population: 3 million

School Name: don Quijote

School Location: Heart of Madrid

Website: www.spanishabroad.com/madrid.htm

MADRID

Madrid is one of Europe's most vibrant cities. Madrileños are a vigorous, joyful people, famous for their apparent ability to defy the need for sleep; they embrace their city's cultural offerings and make enthusiastic use of its cafés and bars. If you can match this energy, you'll take in Madrid's museum mile, with more masterpieces per square foot than anywhere else in the world; the palaces and boutiques of regal Madrid; the dark, narrow lanes of medieval Madrid; and Madrid post-midnight, where today's action is.

Life in Madrid is lived in the crowded streets and in the noisy cafés, where talking, toasting, and tapa-tasting last long into the night. Many find the city's endless energy hard to resist, and its social lifestyle makes it especially easy for travelers to get involved.

The skyline has its share of skyscrapers, but these are far outnumbered by the more typical Madrid towers of red brick crowned by gray slate roofs and spires. Built in the 16th and 17th centuries, this architecture gives parts of Madrid a timeless, old world feel. Monumental neoclassical structures, like the Prado Museum, the Royal Palace, and the Puerta de Alcalá Arch make up Madrid's other historic face. Most of these were built in the 18th century.

Madrid's sophistication stands in vivid contrast to the ancient ways of the historic villages nearby. Less than an hour away from the downtown skyscrapers are villages where farm fields are still plowed by mules. Get-aways to the dozens of Castilian hamlets nearby and to Toledo, El Escorial, and Segovia are cherished by both locals and travelers.

WHY MADRID?

- Vibrant night life
- Vigorous joyful people
- Museums, art and culture
- Beautiful blue skies

- Renowned Architecture
- Countryside escapes

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

don Quijote-Madrid is conveniently located in the heart of Madrid, with easy access to all interesting sites within the city. In addition to its classrooms, the school in Madrid is fully equipped with a multimedia and computer room, a library, and a meeting room with audio-video equipment. Don Quijote has a friendly and responsive administrative staff, plus all necessary services and teaching tools for your language learning. don Quijote opened its first school in 1989, and today has a reputation as one of the finest organizations in Spain. This reputation has helped students from all over the world learn Spanish.

SCHOOL FACTS

- Larger, flexible organization
- Reputable and experienced school
- Great location in the heart of Madrid
- Specialized language programs

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Standard Program. Group instruction 4 lessons per day, 5-8 students per class. The Intensive course of 4 lessons daily is available at all don Quijote schools in Spain. 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 in Spanish.

Intensive Program. Group 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. This program follows the same format as the Standard Program. In Madrid this course option is currently only available during July and August. Please double check with us regarding Intensive program dates because don Quijote may in the near future expand the time when these courses are offered.

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. Note: This program will make use of the format shown below. The exception of this would be when someone has set up a specialized program to cover very specific types of topics.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Host Family. Staying with a host family allows you to get the most value out of your immersion program. Many of the host families have worked with don Quijote since the school was first established. In a large city like Madrid you should expect to travel about 20-25 minutes from your home to the school. Madrid has excellent transportation so getting there is not a problem. Breakfast and dinner are included and prepared for you when you stay with a host family. Typically there will be another student in the home with you.

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. You will be given your own keys, so you can come and go as you please.

Student Flats. Students share a flat with four or five other students. The school will always do their best to accommodate students in a student apartment with different nationalities. The student apartments are not very luxurious but they have all the basic amenities: a bed, table, chair, and a wardrobe. Each student flat has a living room with television, a fully equipped kitchen, and a washing machine. You share the kitchen and the bathroom and together, you keep the house clean. Every week, a don Quijote employee cleans the common areas.

The flats are located about 10-20 minutes away from the school. This option is great for independent students. You will have to prepare your own meals because they are not included with this option. You will need to bring a towel for showering, however sheets and a pillow are provided.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

don Quijote offers a variety of exciting cultural activities and weekend excursions allowing students the chance to really get to know Spain.



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