



Spain

DON QUIJOTE

City: Salamanca

Population: 156,000

School Name: don Quijote

School Location: Historic district

Website: www.spanishabroad.com/salamanca.htm

SALAMANCA

Salamanca lies on a plateau by the Tormes River and is one of the most spectacular Renaissance cities in Europe. Through the centuries, the sandstone buildings have gained an exquisite golden glow, which has given Salamanca the nickname "La Dorada", the Golden City. Salamanca is large enough to be able to offer the advantages of a real city, but at the same time it keeps the intimacy and charm of a small town. This has helped to make Salamanca an enormously popular destination for people from all over the world.

You will find the people of Salamanca to be warm and hospitable. Contacts are made easily, and one of the best places to do this is at the Plaza Mayor, probably the finest town square found anywhere in Spain. People congregate in the square to socialize, get something to eat, or just sit down and have a glass of some of the excellent local Spanish wines.

The area around Salamanca also offers many opportunities for day-trips to villages, mountains, and the many surrounding lakes. Madrid is only 2 hours away, and the border of Portugal is even closer! Without a doubt, Salamanca is an ideal location to learn Spanish and experience Spain.

WHY SALAMANCA?

- Historically famous city
- Exquisite architecture
- Friendly people
- One of the finest town squares in Spain
- Many opportunities for traveling about
- Excellent Spanish wines
- Large city with a small town charm

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

The don Quijote School in Salamanca is situated in the heart of the historic city center. The building is 100 meters from the renowned

University of Salamanca and 2 minutes away from the splendid Plaza Mayor. The school resides in a recently restored 16th century monastery. The modern materials used during the renovation are almost in natural balance with the richness, style and class of previous centuries. You enter the school through a beautiful courtyard. This courtyard and the garden divide the school into two parts. In the first part you will find the secretariat and the office. The second part houses 11 classrooms, a library, three offices, a staff's lounge and a recreation room furnished with an entertainment center, a piano and more.

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 to bring students from all over the world to study Spanish at the various don Quijote schools. In addition to a school in Salamanca, don Quijote also has schools in the following cities: Madrid, Barcelona, Granada, and Tenerife. This variety has proven to be a great benefit to our students. While most people will choose to study at just one location, we have many students who decide to divide up their time between the different locations.

The lessons at don Quijote are lively and varied. The emphasis is on conversation but, of course, don Quijote also pays attention to grammar, reading, listening and writing. In the classes, the 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

- Lively classes
- Great reputation for quality
- Split up your time with other locations
- Very unique 16th century facilities

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 messages in Spanish, verbally as well as written.

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.

Individual Language Training. 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. This program will make use of the format shown under the Standard Program. The exception of to this would be when someone has set up a specialized program to cover very specific types of topics.

Other Programs offered:

Spanish and Wine Evaluation
Spanish and the Culinary Arts

ACCOMMODATIONS

Host Family. Nowhere else will you directly experience real Spanish life and nothing could be better to help improve your language skills. 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. You may arrive at the home on the Sunday before your classes start and you will be expected to leave the Saturday after classes are over. It may be possible to stay extra nights, check with us for details. If you have special dietary needs, it is possible for you to stay with a host family that can accommodate this request.

Student Flat. You share a student flat with four or five other don Quijote students. The flats are not very luxurious but they have all the basic facilities (bed, table, chair and wardrobe). Each flat has a living room with a TV, a fully equipped kitchen, a washing machine and iron.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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



Plaza de Mayor, Salamanca

