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# Española

en Andalucía



## Spanish Courses in Granada



# The school

We have taught Spanish as a foreign language since 1986.

Escuela Montalbán has more than 20 years experience teaching Spanish and we are a **recognized Centro Acreditado of the Spanish Instituto Cervantes**. Our school is also an **accredited examination center for the D.E.L.E. exams in Granada**.

Students from all over the world and of all ages participate in our Spanish language programme all year round. An extensive cultural programme always complements the courses.

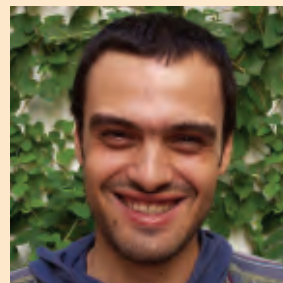
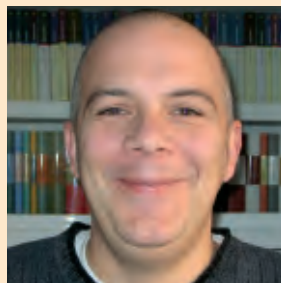
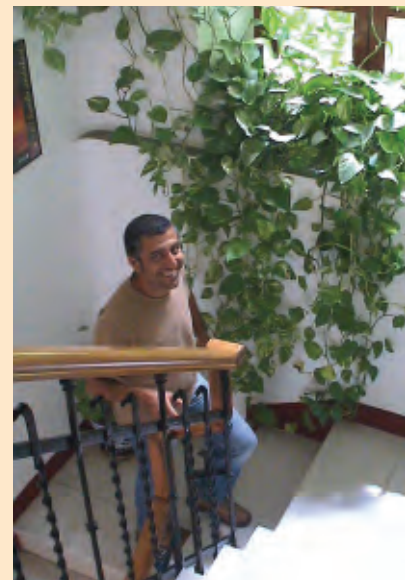
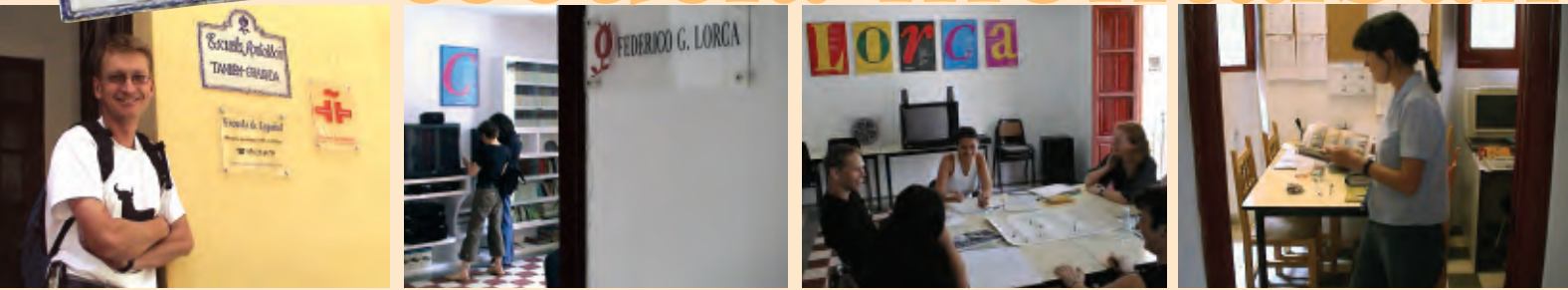
The school building with its Andalusian style, its friendly classrooms and its beautiful patio retains much of the charm and intimacy of a family home. It is situated in a quiet location just ten minutes away from the city centre. We are a medium-sized school with about 600 students per year. We are organized as a co-operative and the teaching team participates in decision-making regarding the school and the course outline as whole.

Our aim is to create a lively and stimulating relationship between teachers and students. We encourage students to talk and interact both inside and outside the classroom and, more generally, to enjoy their time in Granada. This atmosphere of warmth and sharing ensures rapid progress in a short time.

The school is a member of **TANDEM® International**. **TANDEM Spain** has additional centres in San Sebastián, Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid, Málaga and Cádiz.



## escuela montalbán



## The team

Our permanent teaching team is responsible for the whole course programme, managed and directed by a coordinator. All our teachers are native speakers with university degrees, and they are specialists in the teaching of Spanish as a foreign language.

**Directors:** Margret Fortmann, María Rodríguez, Francisco José Guirado  
**Secretary:** José Manuel García  
**Teachers:** Juan Castro, Noelia Filiú, Bernabé Francisco, José Luis Prieto

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[www.tourspain.es](http://www.tourspain.es)

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[www.andalucia.org](http://www.andalucia.org)

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[www.granadatur.com](http://www.granadatur.com)

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[www.alhambratickets.com](http://www.alhambratickets.com)

**Sierra Nevada**  
[www.cetursa.es](http://www.cetursa.es)

**Festival de Música y Danza**  
[www.granadafestival.org](http://www.granadafestival.org)

**Festival de Jazz**  
[www.jazzgranada.net](http://www.jazzgranada.net)

# Granada

one of the most beautiful cities in Andalusia.

Granada, the birthplace of the poet **Federico García Lorca**, is without doubt one of the most fascinating cities in southern Spain. It is also an important university town with almost 300.000 inhabitants and more than 60.000 students.

With its world-famous **Alhambra**, rich culture and **lively nightlife**, it is the **ideal place for both studying and having a holiday**:

enjoy a weekend on the **Mediterranean coast**; participate in **winter sports, horse-riding or trekking in the Sierra Nevada**; take a trip to the marvellous villages of the **Alpujarra mountains**; watch **gypsy flamenco** in **Sacromonte** and **dance salsa and tango** in one of Granada's many exciting bars; visit the **Arabic baths** or stroll



through the narrow streets of the old Moorish quarter of the **Albaicín**. These are just a few of many possibilities.

At the end of the day enjoy a red wine with a »tapa« in one of the small squares with a view of the Alhambra and the beautiful snow-covered mountains of Sierra Nevada.

## Tapas

A tapa is a small portion of food which you receive when you have a drink. To give the customers tapas is a universal custom throughout Spain. But in Granada the tapas are free.

## Festivals & Holidays

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| <b>MARCH</b>     | :: Tango Festival  |
| <b>APRIL</b>     | :: Easter Week »Semana Santa«<br>with daily processions<br>:: Film Festival «Short films«      |
| <b>MAY</b>       | :: May 3rd, »Día de la Cruz«<br>:: Festival week »Corpus Christi«                              |
| <b>JULY</b>      | :: International Festival of Music and Dance<br>:: Jazz on the coast                           |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> | :: Flamenco in Granada and surroundings<br>:: Festival week at the Zaidín with Rock & Flamenco |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  | :: International Jazz Festival   |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  | :: Flamenco Festival   |



## Blanco, verde y rojo

»Hay en el paisaje de Granada un diálogo de blancos, verdes y rojos. La mirada del viajero quedará polarizada, si la estación lo permite, por la nieve de Sierra Nevada y en la cercanía, siempre, por el blanco más compartimentado de las geometrías del Albaicín. Los verdes llegan unas veces en ángulo rasante desde los regadíos y las choperas de la vega; otra, desde las hileras de olivos de los secanos; otras, desde los encinares residuales o desde el artificio romántico de los bosques de la Albambra. En otras ocasiones, en fin, la percepción se satura con los rojos encendidos del atardecer y de su reflejo en las colinas y en las torres – ambas bermejas – de la Albambra.« Francisco Ortega Alba



# Granada



# Spanish Intensive Courses

**Classes: levels, methodology and course content.**

Classes are restricted to a maximum of 8 students and are held from Monday to Friday between 09.00 a.m. and 06.30 p.m. There are 4, 5 or 6 language lessons per day, each lasting 45 minutes.

We offer the following 6 different course levels which correspond to those set out in the new »European Framework for Language Learning, Teaching and Evaluation«. Each level corresponds to a 4 week course.

## Level Beginners (A1)

The student will be able to

- ⌘ understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases in order to satisfy simple daily needs.
- ⌘ introduce himself and others and ask and answer questions about where he lives, who he knows and the things he has.
- ⌘ interact in a simple way, provided the other person speaks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

## Level Elementary (A2)

The student will be able to

- ⌘ understand sentences and frequently used expressions relating to areas of most immediate relevance, for example very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, and employment.
- ⌘ communicate routine tasks requiring the simple and direct exchange of information about familiar matters.
- ⌘ describe in simple terms aspects of background, environment and matters of immediate need.

## Level Intermediate I (B1)

The student will be able to

- ⌘ understand the main points relating to familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school and leisure.
- ⌘ deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken.

- ⌘ produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest.
- ⌘ describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions, and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

## Level Intermediate II (B2)

The student will be able to

- ⌘ understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in fields of specialisation.
- ⌘ interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular communication with native speakers comfortable without being a strain for either party.
- ⌘ produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue, giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

## Level Advanced (C1)

The student will be able to

- ⌘ understand a wide range of demanding, longer text, and recognise implicit meaning.
- ⌘ express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions.
- ⌘ use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.
- ⌘ produce clear, well-structured and detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of grammar and phraseology.

## Level Proficiency (C2)

The student will be able to

- ⌘ understand with ease virtually everything heard or read.
- ⌘ summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation.
- ⌘ express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.



# CURSOS INTENSIVOS

## Methodology and Course Content

All the classes are conducted entirely in Spanish. The ultimate objective is to develop and extend expression, comprehension, interaction and facilitation amongst the students. Classes are divided into 2 distinct blocks.

The first deals with the language itself, grammar structures and communicative functions; the second part deals with specific cultural themes in order to integrate all abilities and skills. This means that beginners will learn Spanish for everyday situations, whereas, in the more advanced courses, students become involved in selecting topics for discussion according to their individual needs and interests.

The reality of Spain in transition, the contradictions and the socio-political and cultural developments of modern Spain; its Moorish history, the Spanish Civil War and Franco's dictatorship; Federico García Lorca and Flamenco Culture, or the situation of minority communities, are just some examples of possible themes. We always pay particular attention to aspects of Andalusia.

Our library with approximately 500 novels, grammar books, course books and journals, and the video library with more than 400 recent Spanish films are available to our students free of charge.

## Certificates

A certificate of attendance will be given at the end of each course. If they so wish, students are also able to participate in a final, internal examination to obtain the »Certificado de Nivel de Español como Lengua Extranjera«.



## Aula Virtual de Español\*

We offer the Spanish-Online course as a complement to our long-term courses of more than 8 weeks.

The Virtual Spanish Classroom has been designed by the Instituto Cervantes to introduce new technology into the learning environment. The students receive free access to this course. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced levels are available. Each level requires about 120 hours (4 courses of 30 hours each) and the programme has an automatic system of evaluation and correction.

The Virtual Spanish Classroom has a simple structure, which makes it very easy to navigate. Students can choose a combination of grammar tests, realistic language tests, multimedia products (such as songs, audio, video), interactive exercises and cultural themes. This will enable them to study in further depth during their free time.



**The school guarantees the following range of courses all year round at all levels. We offer courses varying from 1 week in length to longer term programmes of several months.**



## Course Programme

Which course should I choose?

### Standard Course

A Standard Course with 4 lessons per day allows students to complement holidays with language learning. The course is recommended for those students who wish to combine a relaxed language course with the study of Spanish culture in real life situations.

### Intensive Course / Superintensive Course

An Intensive or Superintensive Course with 5 or 6 lessons per day guarantees maximum progress during a short period of time. The courses are ideal for people whose stay in Spain is mainly work-orientated or study-based.

### Standard Plus 1 Course / Standard Plus 2 Course

The Standard Plus 1 and 2 courses combine 4 group classes with 1 or 2 private classes per day. The group classes aid interaction and help students to improve their speaking skills. The private classes allow individual students to cover areas that need extra practice or to study special topics.

### Business Spanish

The student combines a Standard Course with 2 private classes per day of Business Spanish. Topics covered in the private classes are general business correspondence, business negotiations and Spain's role in the international market.

### »Uno a Uno« Individual Course

These courses are designed to adapt to the specific needs of students. Individual students plan the intensity, length and content of the course.

### Training Courses for Teachers of Spanish

The main objective of this Individual Course is to offer non-native teachers the opportunity to update and perfect their knowledge of the Spanish language. At the same time, we highlight the following issues: interesting and new ways of teaching grammar; games and exercises for livelier classes; presentation of texts and recommended reading; and videos and books for teaching.

### Cultural Course

This 2 week course of 6 lessons per week is designed for intermediate and advanced students to practice the Spanish language through allowing them discussing historical, social and cultural themes.

### Writing Workshop

Working in small groups, intermediate and advanced students practice written Spanish through writing and editing texts, using extracts from literature, poetry and other sources according to individual interests.

# nuestros cursos

## D.E.L.E. Exams

**Our school is an accredited examination center for the D.E.L.E. exams in Granada.**

The internationally recognized D.E.L.E. certificates («Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera») are issued by the Spanish Ministry of Education. The exams are organized by FEDELE Spain (National Federation of Spanish Language Schools) through their regional Federations and the Instituto Cervantes. They are held at the same time as in 32 other Spanish cities and more than 270 centres abroad, each year in May, August and November.

The D.E.L.E. Preparation Courses are designed for students at the intermediate or advanced levels. You can prepare for the «Certificado Inicial», «Diploma Intermedio» and «Diploma Superior» examinations. In order to sit the exams, students must have a pre-intermediate level for the «Certificado Inicial»; for the «Diploma Intermedio», they should be at least intermediate level; and students wishing to sit the «Diploma Superior» should be at an advanced level at the beginning of the course. After the D.E.L.E. preparation course, students can participate in the examination at our school.

## Work Experience Programme

A 4 week Spanish Standard Course in Granada is followed by an unpaid internship of several months with a company in Madrid. The programme is designed for advanced students at the «Diploma

Intermedio» level and enables them to become more confident and comfortable using Spanish in a professional working environment. In addition to sufficient knowledge of Spanish, most of our companies in Madrid generally require an advanced stage of study with regard to university career.

## Group Programmes

We offer Spanish language programmes for organized groups throughout the year.

College and university students, Spanish teachers and retired people have participated in these programmes for many years. We prepare a tailor-made programme for you on request. The Spanish course consists of 4 or 5 classes of 45 minutes per day from Monday to Friday. The group will be divided in classes with a maximum of 8 students.

According to group interests, we offer a tailor-made cultural programme with visits, conferences, dinners, Flamenco and guided tours. We will take care of everything during your stay. For college and university students, for example, we can offer full board accommodation in double rooms with Spanish host families, and accommodation in single rooms with breakfast in a hotel for mature students.





## Cultural Activities

Learning a new language also means learning about a different culture and way of life.

In the afternoons and evenings we offer a variety of regular activities including the following:

- :: **Conferences concerning present-day topics of interest, Moorish culture and Federico García Lorca.**
- :: **Film sessions dedicated to particular Spanish directors.**
- :: **Wine tasting and dinners, visits to the Arabic baths, theatre and Flamenco concerts.**
- :: **Guided tours to the Alhambra or the Arabic quarter of the Albaicín.**
- :: **Trips to villages in the surrounding area or to the beach.**
- :: **Trekking in the Sierra Nevada.**

Every weekend we offer interesting **travel options** of between one or several days in **Andalusia** including tours to Seville, Córdoba, Ronda, the Alpujarras and different nature parks. For those who wish, there is also a 3 day trip to Morocco.

### Spanish Cooking Course

What a better way to bring to you the tastes of Andalusia than to take you directly into an Andalusian kitchen. Join us in Granada, the last Muslim Kingdom in Spain, and learn about the Arabic legacy still present in the succulent cuisine of this beautiful Eastern Andalusian region. You will learn how to prepare some of the most exquisite recipes coming from Al-Andalous times.

### Horse-Riding in the Sierra Nevada

Our students can participate in a horse-riding programme in Sierra Nevada (3 afternoons). Through these »paseos y rutas«, they are able to experience the impressive natural environment of the Sierra Nevada National Park.

## Flamenco

The Sacromonte: the essence of Gypsy Flamenco.

### Flamenco Dance Classes

Flamenco is an ancient and profound art through which the people of Andalusia have expressed their deepest sentiments for several centuries. Granada is one of the main references of Flamenco in Spain, especially the Sacromonte is one of its cradles. This gipsy quarter is the heart of what flamenco experts called »duende« and origin of the »zambra«, a Flamenco dance and song party which has its origin in the 16th century, in particular, at the wedding rituals of the moriscos of the city.

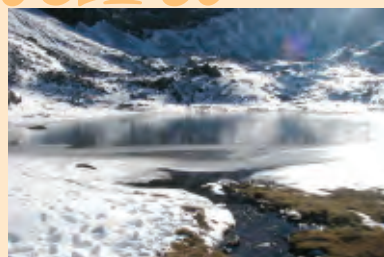
This programme allows participants to discover the artistic phenomenon of Flamenco in its natural environment. We offer you the chance to experience and learn both the practical skills of the Flamenco dance art and Spanish language. We provide you with the opportunity to complement your Spanish Course with Flamenco dance classes given in collaboration with a recognized and qualified dance teacher. There are classes at all levels, starting with beginners (rumbas) up to the more advanced levels (alegrías, tangos, bulerías, soleá).

### Flamenco guitar

We will work on the technical and theoretical aspects of playing Flamenco guitar.

However, we lay emphasis on practising as you learn from doing! These lessons are suitable for all guitar players with an interest in Flamenco. The course is taught by a professional Flamenco guitar player.

# lengua y cultura



Flamenco  
[www.flamenco-world.com](http://www.flamenco-world.com)  
Baños árabes  
[www.hammamspain.com](http://www.hammamspain.com)  
Federico García Lorca  
[www.museogarcialorca.org](http://www.museogarcialorca.org)

# Spanish in Spain

**Combined Courses: seven cities, seven cultures, one language.**

We offer the programme Spanish in Spain in collaboration with other TANDEM schools in Spain. Students can study Spanish in Granada and then continue learning in San Sebastián, Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid, Málaga or Cádiz. All schools are accredited by TANDEM International.

## San Sebastián

San Sebastián offers extraordinary landscapes: sea and mountains in the city centre, lively atmosphere in the old town and the unique opportunity to taste the Basque gastronomy. And a short distance away: surf in Biarritz, trekking in Pyrenees, the Pilgrim's Route of Santiago, the wine cellars of Rioja and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

## Barcelona

Barcelona offers endless possibilities to have a good time: the Gothic Quarter, the Ramblas, museums, bars, concerts, parks, exhibitions and excursions to Montserrat, Sitges, the Dali Museum in Figueras, and if that were not enough hundreds of beaches along the Mediterranean Coast.

## Valencia

Today Valencia is famous for its futuristic architecture («La Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias»), traditional festivals as «Las

Fallas» or «Tomatina», its exuberant night-life and for the most typical Spanish dish: the Paella.

## Madrid

The city has an abundance of some of the best art museums in the world. The Prado, Reina Sofía and the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection house the finest works of Spanish artists. But Madrid is not just a cultural destination. It is also a lively metropolis with pubs, cafes, discotheques and nightclubs open late into the night.

## Málaga

Apart from its beautiful beaches and lovely temperature all year round, Málaga has a lot to offer. You will be able to see a wide variety of historical and cultural places, such as the «Alcazaba», a Moorish castle, the Roman theatre, the botanical gardens, the marvelous Cathedral or Pablo Picasso's birth house and museum.

## Cádiz

With its open squares, narrow alleyways, 18th century houses and great nightlife the city has a tremendous atmosphere. Cádiz is legendary for its Carnival festivities in February/March and attracts visitors all year round for its excellent weather and golden pebble-strewn beaches.



# cursos combinados



## OTROS SERVICIOS

- :: Student service and counselling in 5 languages
- :: Accommodation and airport transfer service
- :: Travel and health insurance
- :: Nearby café
- :: A «patio» as a meeting place for students
- :: Free and unlimited Internet/WIFI access
- :: Free access to TANDEM language exchange programme
- :: Free use of book and video library
- :: Ticket reservations for the Alhambra
- :: Final examination
- :: Online Spanish Course





## TANDEM® language exchange

more than just language learning!



Since 1988 our school has been a member of TANDEM International. TANDEM schools place special emphasis on the cultural integration of their students, through facilitating language exchange with native speakers in addition to course work.

As a TANDEM school we endeavour, if requested, to find a suitable language partner from Granada who is learning your native language. This enhances the language learning process, promotes intercultural exchange and encourages autodidactic learning methods. You meet your partner at least once or twice a week and take turns at being student and teacher, sharing the time between the two native languages.

### Conditions:

- :: Please request a language partner on the enrolment form.
- :: In order to obtain a partner, you need to attend a long-term course for at least 8 weeks.
- :: TANDEM is not suitable for beginners.
- :: We cannot guarantee this programme, particularly during the vacation period from June to September or for languages which are uncommon.

- :: Language partners are allocated in the order that the enrolment forms are received. This service is free of charge.

### TANDEM Community

Visit our online language exchange community on the Internet and improve your language skills while making new friends all around the world.

### TANDEM Foundation

The TANDEM Foundation in Donostia / San Sebastián (Spain) is the holder of the TANDEM® trademark and organizes teacher training, research and licensing in the TANDEM Method.

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# intercambio

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We collaborate with:

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- :: Responsible Travel
- :: Verträglich Reisen
- :: Atmosfair



# Accommodation

Living in Granada is an experience!

All of the accommodation offered to students is selected carefully by the school and is within walking distance. We offer the following options:

## Private Accommodation - Category I

Single and double rooms in shared flats with Spaniards; normally young couples or people living alone. Students share kitchen, bathroom and communal areas. We recommend this option to students who already have some knowledges of Spanish and who want to practice the language.

## Private Accommodation - Category II

These are shared flats with other students from the school. The flats have 2 or more single and double rooms. Students share kitchen, bathroom and communal areas. A Spanish person lives permanently in, and is responsible for, the larger apartments.

## Host family

We recommend this accommodation option for younger students or those who do not wish to cook for themselves. Accommodation includes breakfast, half or full board. Students eat with the family and this offers an ideal and enjoyable opportunity to experience and practice the language.

## Student Residence

The Student Residence with single and double rooms is located in the heart of the city. Accommodation includes breakfast, half or full board. This option allows students to live in an environment with both international and Spanish students. Availability is limited during University teaching periods from October to June.

**For reservation of different categories of hostals, hotels or self-catering apartments in the city centre, please contact us.**

## Travelling to Granada

How to get to us!

Regular or low-cost flights to Málaga are available from most European airports. An airport bus takes you to the bus station in the centre of Málaga (C/ Paseo de los Tilos). From Málaga bus station there is an **hourly bus service** to Granada (7.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m.; on Fridays and Sundays until 10.00 p.m.) with ALSINA GRAELLS Company. The journey takes 90 minutes. If you are unable to catch the last bus from Málaga to Granada, we can reserve a hotel for you in Málaga.

**Granada Airport** has flight connections to Barcelona and Madrid. In recent years, the low-cost market has boomed, and this kind of company has proliferated throughout Europe. A lot of these companies now offer new connections to Granada.

If you would like an **organized transfer** from either of these airports to Granada, please inform us.

**Please ask if you need further information about train and bus connections from other Spanish cities to Granada.**

## viaje y alojamiento



Autobuses a Granada  
[www.continental-auto.es](http://www.continental-auto.es)

Trenes a Granada  
[www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)

Vuelos a Granada  
[www.iberia.es](http://www.iberia.es)

Viajar a Granada  
[www.granadainfo.com](http://www.granadainfo.com)



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# Española

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Escuela Montalbán is recognized by the following institutions which certify the quality of the school:



- :: Instituto Cervantes
- :: TANDEM International
- :: Association of Spanish Language Schools in Granada
- :: Granada Chamber of Commerce
- :: Hotel Association Granada
- :: A.E.E.A. Association of Spanish Language Schools in Andalusia
- :: C.E.C.E. Association of private public schools in Andalusia
- :: F.E.D.E.L.E. National Federation of Spanish Language Schools
- :: E.L.I.T.E. European Federation of Language Learning
- :: CSN Accreditation for the CSN Programme of the Swedish Government
- :: FOREM Accreditation through FOREM in Belgium for Professional Training
- :: Bildungsurlaub In Germany, recognition of all courses with 6 lessons per day as Professional Training



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Monday to Thursday: 09.00 a.m. to 06.30 p.m.

Friday: 09.00 a.m. to 02.30 p.m.

Last minute details about courses, prices, accommodation and special programmes are available on the Internet or contact us for further information.