

Epic Exchange

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Teaching English in **Spain**

Explore Spain, located in southwestern Europe. Spain is well known to have a vast variety of sights to see, stretching from the country of stone castles, snowcapped mountains, monuments, and sophisticated cities. The Spaniards know it is very important to have a good work and life balance. They have an expression "Mañana Mañana" literally means "tomorrow tomorrow" stating that everything will work out perfectly and there is no need to worry.

Program overview

Teaching English in Spain – Barcelona coast

If you're a native English speaker who is interested in sharing your country's culture and language with others, while at the same time gaining practical experience as a teacher, this cultural exchange programme could be the right fit for you. You will work as an assistant English teacher in Maresme, a laid-back area just 30 km from Barcelona on the Mediterranean coast. It's an ideal environment for meeting local people and enjoying the pleasant climate and breathtaking beauty of coastal Catalonia.

This program is specially designed to allow you to gain international work experience and to learn more about the Spanish culture.

You will be placed in a local school to assist a teacher in his/her duties. The transfer of knowledge and culture will flow both ways, as you will speak in English with the teacher and students. You will also have the chance to speak to other people in the school in Spanish and your day-to-day life in the city will be conducted in Spanish. You will also be able to practice in your free time and take part in the daily life of Maresme, going to local markets, shops and cafés. This is without a doubt an atmosphere that lends itself to mixing it up with the locals and meeting new people.

As this is an exchange programme, you will be expected to act responsibly and adapt to the local culture. In the classroom, you may be asked to help the teacher in preparing lessons and carrying out activities. Your main task will be to assist the children during conversation classes aimed at improving their fluency in English. You will also help them when they have exams or simply speak to the class.

To participate in this programme, you may be either a university student or a university graduate. A strong interest in learning, teaching and experiencing other languages and cultures is essential.

You must be ready to make an active effort to integrate into the lifestyle and habits of your host family.

Activities:

Helping the teacher, conversing with the children in English, checking their speaking ability, talking to work colleagues in the school, organizing games and activities, etc.





Placement Mataró

You will be placed in the beautiful city of Mataró, and villages around.

It is approximately 30km away from Barcelona. Mataró is the capital of the Maresme region, it's a vibrant city, in constant transformation and with a rich cultural heritage which endows it with a personality of its own. Its privileged geographic situation - with the sea on one side and a coastal mountain range on the other - makes the climatic conditions of Mataró ideal for enjoying the city.

In order to qualify

- Be between the ages of 19 and 30.
- Be in good mental and physical health.
- Currently studying towards a teaching degree, already hold a teaching degree or have a degree related to education.
- Free of any criminal record.
- Native or fluent English speaker.
- Have an interest in languages.
- Have a basic level of Spanish
- Be mature, flexible, open-minded, committed and willing to adjust (weather, culture, food, temperature, etc.).
- Willing to take initiative.

As the saying goes,

“ life is 5% what happens to you, and 95% how you react to it ”

What can we offer

- ▶ Placement will be for 3 months. Start times in January, March and October.
- ▶ Accommodation with a Spanish family.
- ▶ Support throughout your program



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What's included in the program?

Your success here is mostly down to you, and is determined by your attitude. You also need to be physically and mentally fit.

- ▶ Step by step assistance throughout the process in order to undertake a Teaching English program in Spain for 3 months
- ▶ Confirmed placement and agreement documentation
- ▶ A language test
- ▶ In-country orientation on arrival.
- ▶ A walking tour in Mataró City and a tapas night.
- ▶ Assistance with all travel arrangements to get to host family
- ▶ Supervision during your stay
- ▶ Back up support throughout full length of program
- ▶ Optional: Spanish Classes

If you are accepted on the program then its because one or more things in your application form told us that you would be capable of succeeding in this environment. Thousands of young people from all walks of life have succeeded here.

Please do not make the mistake of assuming that the great experiences that so many people speak of having had in Spain will come to you easily. You will have to work hard for them and you will have to deal with many new and potentially challenging circumstances along the way, especially at the beginning.

It won't all be easy, and there may well be some things that you may not like. Be prepared for it to be tough; that is all part of the adventure, and this is what will make it feel all the more worthwhile long after you have returned home.

If interested, what next...?

If experiencing Spain firsthand is something you would like to do then, get in touch with us and we will enliven the sense of adventure within you!

The program is not a package holiday. Paying and turning up does not guarantee success here. You have to engage fully, get completely involved in everything, be energetic, hard working, willing to learn and try new things, and become good at finding ways to be useful. This will shape the way your experience develops.

Costs

Please refer to separate budget for full breakdown of costs

Accommodation and meals

You will be living with a host family with a private room and share meals. All your basic needs will be covered and you will have no expenses during the program. Your living arrangements will be discussed in advance.

Most accommodation will be walking distance from the school, if not the school/family will arrange transport for you to get to and from the school each day.

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