

Welcome to **ALMERÍA**, SPAIN

We're looking forward to showing you our city

“We are based on **passion** for languages and **quality teaching** at **affordable prices**”

Almeria Spanish School was founded in 1978; our school is located in the heart of the historic part of Almeria. Our aim is to help our pupils master the Spanish language, culture and traditions. We have a highly qualified and enthusiastic young teaching staff, coupled with dynamic and trusted teaching practices which enable you to achieve the best results.

About Almeria

Why ALMERIA Spanish School?

- It's been part of the **LONDON THAMES language services** for almost 10 years. London Thames group has been around for 30 years in Almeria. It's a trusted and well known establishment in the city center.
- **GREAT LOCATION**, right in the heart of the historic city centre of Almeria, close to shops, museums, nightlife and beaches.
- **NATIVE, UNIVERSITY TEACHERS.** They all have been carefully chosen after taking into account their qualifications, experience and enthusiasm.
- **EXCELLENT FACILITIES**, good size and large classrooms, audio-video facilities, Wi-Fi internet, air conditioning, library and all the facilities of a well organized and modern teaching style school.
- **QUALITY** this school has been established since 1978; it has earned certification from CECAP, ASEMPAL, TRINITY College London and the Junta de Andalucía.
- **HIGH NUMBER OF CLIENT REFERRALS**, this academy was built on its high standard of reputation and high levels of course satisfaction. Our students return, with increased enthusiasm waiting for the next course.
- **THE RICHNESS OF ITS LANDSCAPE**, The high mountains, the desert and the beaches are joined together. For extra adventure activities, Almeria offers it all.

Teaching Spanish is rewarding especially when you see students, families year after year coming back. Here, at Almeria Spanish School, we have an interactive, personal and lively atmosphere, whereby you will express yourself, practicing and enjoying the language.

We are a dedicated efficient family run business and we understand that you need, apart from excellent teachers, affordable accommodation and a variety of extra activities to make your experience an overwhelming success.

Almeria is a wonderful city to live in, work and also study. You have it all, Spanish, sea, mountains, great hospitality and our Spanish school.

I would like very much to personally welcome you to our school.




Patricia Fernandez Rodriguez
Director of the School

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AN INTENSIVE PROGRAMME DESIGNED FOR YOU; TEACHERS THAT GIVE YOU THE ATTENTION YOU DESERVE; SMALL GROUPS WHICH WILL GIVE YOU A MAXIMUM OF CONVERSATION AND SPEAKING TIME.

We are in the HEART of Almeria

“There is more to life than simply increasing its speed.” Gandhi

Location of the City

Almeria is located on the Southeast coast of Spain, surrounded by the calm and warm Mediterranean Sea; it is a crucible of cultures that offers you and to those who visit us, beaches, sports, culture, and a varied night life. When entering Almeria the first impression we get is its Mediterranean flavour. What was once the main port of Al-Andalus is now, as then, an open and welcoming city accustomed to receiving people from all over the world.

The city is a rich compendium of artistic styles and contrasting atmospheres bathed in the perpetual, brilliant sunlight which seems to be brighter here than anywhere else. The city's historical quarter is home to numerous bars and restaurants, offering exquisite tapas, meals. Combining this with sightseeing and trips to the beach and you will have a great holiday.

Our school is located in the heart of the historical quarter, in Real Street, which leads to La Plaza Vieja and 100 metres away from the **Olive Oil Museum**, a popular attraction for tourists where we organise parties and singing and flamenco shows are held weekly.



Almeria has been a hidden city in the past, but now it has all the trappings of an international young city but still it holds on to the uniqueness and traditions of its history. From one end to the other you can find little sea coves which have hardly been touched to modern high tech science zones working towards the new generation. Whether you are in the open air or indoors, Almeria offers a wide range of activities, events and festivals. There are all kinds of national and international competitions held in the region.

The resources and infrastructure available make Almeria an ideal, privileged destination for anyone looking to practice sport, educate yourself and find inspiration whether for competitions, holidays or just to come to learn and have a holiday.





High Standards

Quality Teaching and Direction

All the teachers of ALMERIA SPANISH SCHOOL are natives of Spain with University studies, reinforced with courses in teaching Spanish as a foreign language, and courses of development of "EL INSTITUTO CERVANTES". Besides their excellent education career we have taken into account their enthusiasm, dedication, creativity and charm, characteristics that any teacher of languages must have.

- Learner Focused
- Challenging Lessons
- Listening, Speaking Orientated Lesson
- Carefully Planned
- Grammar and Vocabulary
- Group work and Communication
- Regular Meeting with your teacher
- Leaving Certificate
- Advice on the services of London Thames

Your first day

On your first morning at the school, you will do a placement test and a teacher will make a short oral test to determine the correct level for you to start. As your Spanish improves, your class level will be re-evaluated.

METHODOLOGY

Our base is Communicative Methodology. The lessons are interactive. We support our students to achieve the best results, in mastering the basic skills in: Oral, Written Comprehension and Expression.

Almeria Spanish School demands high quality of work from its Teaching staff as well of its students. Our methods are flexible, since we are flexible to the needs of our students and we adapt ourselves to meet your desires and requirements.

On average, the class sizes are between 5 and 6, maximum 9, which allows the individual personal touch that we like to give.

Comfortable Class Rooms

All our classrooms are fitted with modern furniture and are brightly lit. All have air conditioning, with all the modern technology for an interactive class.

Free WiFi Access

The center has WiFi connection throughout the building and also a dedicated room for computers

Student Notice Board

Here you will find all the information you require to enjoy your time in and around the center and Almería

Modern Library

Students can use and borrow books tapes, magazines, DVD's from the library. We have rooms for special areas for private study to read local newspapers, magazines, etc...

Friendly Reception

Our reception team is ready to welcome you and answer any questions. They are experienced and speak different languages





DESIGNED FOR YOU, by you, we have improved and adapted our courses to meet the needs and requirements of our students. What we offer is a core Spanish language program.

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**20 Lessons
General Course**

D.E.L.E

**30 Lessons
Intensive Course**

General & Intensive Courses

The General and Intensive respectively is the foundation of your program. From here you can combine course of activities which will enhance your experience and increase your contact with native Spanish speakers.

In the course we work with the four skills and they are integrated in class: speaking, reading, writing and listening. As well we introduce into the classes different aspects of Spanish culture and society which are woven into the classes: literature, film, history, video discussions, a Journalism Workshop, a History and Book reviews, newspapers, computer lab etc...

LEVELS: All levels (from B1 to C2)

START DATE: Every Monday (except public holidays)

LENGHT: We recommend Minimum 2 Week

CLASSES: In these programs we have concentrated on improving you speaking, with designed speaking activities designed to encourage you in groups to speak more fluently, via discussions, simulations and practice scenarios

General Spanish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 am to 11:00	General English	General English	General English	General English	General English
11:30 to 13:00	Speaking Activities	Conversation Rollers'	Written Module	Role Plays	Module Review

Intensive Spanish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 am to 11:00	General English	General English	General English	General English	General English
11:15 to 12:45	Speaking Activities	Conversati on Rollers'	Written Module	Role Plays	Cultura 1 Module
1.00 to 2:30	Grammar Focus	Reading Roles	Role Plays	Presentations	Module Review

- Maximum 10 Students per class
- 20 or 30 lessons per week
- Stylish, Modern Class rooms
- Exam on the first Day
- Needs analysis before course



LANGUAGE SERVICES

Open the door to your future with us.....

London Thames also offers other language courses running all year round -Teaching English to children from 3 years and adults in our English Academy. We prepare the prestigious **University of Cambridge and Trinity College exams**. We are a testing center and center of TOEFL, Trinity College, TOEIC and we are recognized by the University of Cambridge.

As for companies and individuals, we conduct **language training in English, French, Italian, Chinese and German** at the same facility, with flexible hours and variety of courses. We adapt to the needs of our customers. We offer a complete **English Immersion** in a hotel for a **week/ weekend** and also we offer **translation and interpretation services on-site** for our clients in different languages. –As we are an **agency** as well we can provide advice to **individuals/ groups in language courses abroad, internships, au-pair, and undergraduate schooling abroad...**

www.londonthames-ls.com / www.almeriaspanishschool.com

Groups and Packages

Almeria Spanish School has many years of experience in arranging school trips to Europe and worldwide, including a wide range of subjects and locations. Trips are arranged for schools, colleges, universities and are tailor made to each group, ensuring a great personal experience for everyone.

- For seniors we are working with local hotels, activity centers and local tourist guides to provide a specialized package which are designed for senior citizenships. Tours around the city especially dedicated towards the Alcazaba and other historical destinations. We also have the cultural courses which are proving to be a big success.

We adapt the language contents to the needs of the group. Being a course that it is tailored for a specific group, the number of lessons as well as the number of students per group can vary. The groups have normally a minimum of 6 students or a maximum of 10, though exceptions can be made.

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The price of the course includes:

- -Information package upon arrival.
- -20 weekly lessons of Spanish language and culture (the number of lessons can vary depending on the group needs and budget)
- -full board accommodation in host family or youth hostel
- -extra activities (social, sport and culture activities)
- -use of the school material
- -internet
- -certificate at the end of the course

At Almeria Spanish School, we focus and strive to create and offer you camps and activities that give you places where young people can learn and take part in fun, safe and rewarding activities.

Safety first
guaranteed adventure
Benefits for all
100% care
alive languages

We can offer unique combination of residential English lessons and exciting action adventure in our camps for summer. The emphasis is always on **participation, the right attitude and fun**. We have centers near the coast and into the mountains in Sierra Nevada

There is a great variety on offer. Every week there is a programme of social and cultural activities that changes from week to week. Most of the activities are free of charge and there are others that can be joined for a reasonable price. In Almeria you will be able to make the most of them thanks to its great weather and our friendly teachers.



Social Programme

FREE of charge activities:

- Cultural itineraries in the city with local guides.
- Welcome party to all the new students
- Swimming and games on the beach.
- Local fiestas.
- Spanish film day.
- Night visits to local places of interest (La Alcazaba).
- Visits to Museums.
- Talks on Spanish culture, history and art.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Am	Arrival in Almeria	General Spanish	General Spanish	General Spanish	General Spanish	General Spanish	Trip to the water Park
Midday	Walk on the port and promenade	Swimming or sport activities	Almeria beach and sport activities	Optional trip to San Jose	Free time	Volley Ball on the beach	
PM	Visit to the local cinema	Almeria Museum of Film	Party Night	Guided visit to the city Centre	Guided visit to La Alcazaba	Free time	

An example Programme

Optional activities

- Day trip to the Natural Park.
- “Mini Hollywood”
- Tapas tour in Almería
- Visit to Almeria’s Alpujarra (Berja...)
- Swimming
- Water Park in Roquetas de Mar
- Wine tasting
- Theatre
- Visit to the cinema studios in Almería’s desert
- Visit to the “Sorbas Caves”
- Visit to “the olive oil museum”
- 5 a side football, basketball, volleyball...
- Go karting in Roquetas
- Roquetas Aquarium
- BBQ on the beach
- Day trips to nearby cities like Granada, Malaga, Murcia...





Almeria Spanish School is offering you a unique opportunity to gain **work experience abroad**. You will learn the business, cultural and far more and quicker in a business environment. From day one, you will have real contact with Spanish speaking customers and great experience of the culture.

The **internship programme** at Almeria Spanish School is phased

The First phase is a minimum 6 week course of Spanish. Why? You need a very good level to be able to work and communicate in the work environment.

The Second phase is for you to work for a minimum of 3 months in a placement.

Duration: Students will normally spend minimum of 6 weeks studying Spanish and then minimum 1 month in the work placement and possibly specific placements will require longer periods of time.

Work experience in Spain: We supply a varied company base in the Hospitality sector, Business and horticultural companies. Outside of work, there is a wide range of activities to encourage you to practice the language and experience the culture. Offered in the placement are

- Duration:** Spanish course
- Minimum** of 6 weeks
- Placement:** 12 weeks
- Spanish Level:** High Intermediate
- Lessons:** 20 lessons per week
- Minimum Age:** 18
- Start Dates:** All year round

- Finding the work placement**
- Group leader guidance**
- Organization of optional social program**
- Information and newsletters**
- Course certificate**

Other destination and services

- Hotel/Restaurant
- Tourism
- Media/drama
- Retail
- Art/history
- Agriculture
- Fashion.
- IT
- Law/politics
- Beauty
- Sport
- Science/medial



We provide a large variety of companies based in the hospitality, business and horticultural sectors

Accommodation: Students are offered three accommodation options for their placement. Hotels /Youth Hostels /Host family



WHERE TO STAY?

Accommodation Styles

We have a wide range of accommodation options for you, including **Home stay, Villas, Residential, Apartments, and Hotels.** Our team is here to help you choose the best option for you, and to help during your stay to ensure that you have the highest quality assured.



Villas



Host Families



Almeria Spanish School, we have designed many ways for you to enjoy your experience, not only of the importance of the course and language teaching, but we also pay detailed attention to the accommodation. This is also a holiday for you and we have found some beautiful spots along the coast of Almeria whereby we can offer you fantastic accommodation and supply you Spanish lessons at the same time.

Host families are one of the best ways to feel the culture and way of life of a traditional Spanish family. Living with a Spanish family is a fantastic way to improve your Spanish. We recommend this option if you really want to improve quickly. In the house you will live as a member of the Family, participate in meals, visit the local tapas bars and enter into some family events. Our families offer students single or double rooms, fully equipped.

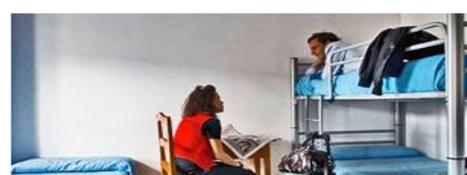
Hotels / Apartments



Apartments/Hotels are available in the center of Almeria. They are fully furnished and in fantastic location to the beaches and center of town. The availability in the Hotels books up quickly especially over summer periods.

The apartments are located next door to the school 100 meters away. The self contained apartments have a fully equipped kitchen. Bed-linen and towels are provided on arrival. There is also free Wi-Fi access throughout the building.

Student Residence



Located 2 minutes from the beach and ten minutes from the school it is an ideal situation for groups and individuals who want that beach feeling. We have double rooms equipped with bathroom, excellent choice if you come with your partner or good friend. We can also offer quadruple rooms with bathroom, and three triple rooms with bathrooms adapted for people with disabilities.

Check out our Almeria Spanish School Web page for more details.

www.almeriaspanishschool.com



Adventure Extreme

The Sierra Nevada Camp is based in the mountains. In the summer time we have camps for **adventure activities, football camps, and in winter skiing camps**. All this mixed with language lessons. It's a **multi language camp** so there are multi nationalities, learning Spanish, English, French, and German.... with the common language being Spanish, suited for children between the age of 7 - 12.

We have been organizing adventure camps, football camps and programs for many years in Sierra Nevada and along the coast of Almeria using the natural resources Almeria has to offer. We try to give **real benefit** so that the **youngsters learn to excel and have fun**.



We have great facilities here in Sierra Nevada, perfect conditions for adventure fun and learning. For **school groups or individuals we can organize special courses**, activities and best of all specific prices for you. We always take **our responsibilities** of looking after you and our young guests **extremely seriously**.

The **ADVENTURE LANGUAGE CAMP** starts with activities in the morning **climbing and abseiling** the mountain on Cliff edge, **150 meters Zip wire, archery, shooting** sessions and much more, each day there are two new activities, **camping overnight** in the forests is just one of them.

The **FOOTBALL LANGUAGE CAMP** is organized in four main areas, skills, fitness, tactical abilities and game time. The sessions are longer, usually half a day, which allow participants to develop **higher skill levels**.

In the afternoon there are the language courses specifically organized for you and your friends. You will be given a level test before hand to find out your language level. On the day you will be assigned a group and ready to learn.

The beauty of these camps for schools and individuals is that, the **safety records** are second to none. You are in a **three star hotel** with all the luxuries, but you are so close to the wild with **wonderful facilities and great activities**.





Our Prices

Prices for courses and accommodation can be found on our web page at www.almeriaspanishschool.com. You will have to add the cost of registration fee and airport transfer, if you decide you want these services.

Enrolment Options

1. Speak to your agent and enroll with them, they will give you professional advice
2. Send us a fax with the enrolment form which you will find on line. www.almeriaspanishschool.com
3. You can enroll online by sending us an email, from our contact page or writing an email from: info@almeriaspanishschool.com
4. You can enroll by coming into our center in Almeria or phoning us on 00 44 950 27 33 00

Start Dates

You can start a general English and Intensive every Monday (except public bank holidays) all other courses have specific dates and requirements. Please visit the web page for more details.

How to reach Almeria?

There are different companies that fly to Almería International Airport: easyjet, ryanair, airberlin, spanair, british airways, tarleton...and many more that are deciding to fly to this popular destination. You can also get here via Madrid or Barcelona.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

From: Almería/Granada/Málaga/Murcia international airports

To: Almería city

It has to be arranged in advanced to the arrival of the student.

How to Pay

To book a place you have to make a bank transfer of 150 euros for individual students. 50 euros is the non-refundable registration fee which covers administration costs. The rest, 100 euros will be discounted from the full course.

1. Send a bank transfer to London Thames-Is

International bank transfer should be sent to:

Almería Spanish School Account:

Thames Language Services S.L.

Bank: Cajamar

Office number: 0000 – Paseo de Almería,75, 04001 Almería, SPAIN

Account: 3058 0000 43 2720089013

BIC: CCRIES2AXXX

IBAN: ES33 3058 0000 4327 2008 9013

Please note that the payer is responsible for all bank charges

Enrolment

After the transfer, send us its reference, together with a copy of your passport or Identity Card and a photo. These documents should reach Almeria Spanish School at least 4 weeks before the starting date of the course.

Payment of the course

The remainder of the fees for LESSONS & ACCOMMODATION (& TRANSFER if required) must be paid before the start of the course by means of another bank-transfer, whose details should reach Almeria Spanish School at least 10 days before the start of the course. Transfer from and to the airport is OPTIONAL. Contact us if you want to receive this service.