

What's fluentinSpain?

A UK exclusive this Spring. From just £285.

We've joined forces with a fab Spanish course provider Aula Toledo, so we can create a better experience for you which includes learning in both the UK and Spain.



How does it work? We offer a number of formats to suit you: weekend, intensive daytime, or evening sessions every week and then at the end of a 6 week period, or sooner, you get to enjoy fantastic holiday with a specially designed Spanish programme in the breathtakingly beautiful city of Toledo.

Browse the options, check out our course programmes, then book on 01483 768500. Places are strictly limited!

Course Title	fluentinSpain
Course Level	Beginners
Course Description UK	6 eve weekly sessions: 6.30-8.00pm start Tue 22 Feb 2011 or Weekend: 10am – 3.45pm start Sat & Sun 26-27 Mar or Daytime intensive week: 12.30-2.15pm start Mon – Fri 28 Mar 2011
Course Description Spain	Spain : Weekender Thur, Fri & Sat 7-9 Apr 2011 Spain : Long Stay Thur 7 - Fri 15 Apr 2011
UK & Weekender fee	£285*
UK & Long Stay fee	£479*
Course Progression	*subject to terms and conditions Moving On; Moving On Up; Starting Out Summer I

Programme Aims

This programme provides an intensive focused approach ideal for language newbies who want to acquire the practical speaking and listening skills needed to cope with day-to-day scenarios when socialising and travelling abroad; and enhance their cultural knowledge of Spain and the ancient Spanish capital city first hand. You will learn the basics in UK & then consolidate in Toledo, Spain on this uniquely-tailored exclusive programme.

- ✿ The UK course is communicative in approach focusing on speaking and listening, and employing a range of participative activities. Key structures of basic grammar are introduced inductively. Learn how to get-by ordering drinks and food at a café, how to exchange greetings, get directions, and get about, order tapas and shop.
- ✿ In Spain you will explore these areas more deeply and practice in situ. You'll expand your base to be able to introduce, describe and talk about yourself, your family and friends, your home interests, hobbies, likes and dislikes.

The course provides the building blocks to enable learners to progress to fast forward their Spanish and then continue to progress all year round.

Who is it for? For those with no previous knowledge/wish to progress at beginner pace.

UK Programme	<i>Open to discussion and amendment at any time</i> <i>Approximately 9 guided learning hours</i>
Meeting & greeting	Greeting people appropriately; introducing yourself and others; reviewing registers and pronunciation; coping strategies.
Getting about Toledo	Travelling around, asking for and following directions to the Cathedral, the Alcazar, the city gates, El Greco's home and museum.....
At the El Trébol cervceria	Ordering tapas and drinks for self and others from a tourist menu at El Trébol
Shopping for gifts	Making simple transactions, purchasing damasquinos, marzipan, ceramics, swords....
At La Abadia restaurant	Ordering for self and others from a simple Spanish menu
About Town :: Atocha - Toledo	Asking for tickets, checking times, catching trains

Spanish Weekender 7- 9 April 2011

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Indicative timetable: Thur 1530 -20.00 All other days 10-1430

Thursday 7 April
Meeting & greeting
Exchanging personal
information

Greeting people appropriately; introducing yourself and others; exchanging personal information: name, profession, nationality. Spelling in Spanish.
Review: Eating and drinking – tips for a successful meal; shopping
Spanish culture:: politeness Phonetics

Friday 8 April
You and your family

Expressing possession, talking about family and friends. Describing physical appearance and traits of personality. Shopping and buying clothing.
Spanish culture:: Spanish language in the world

Saturday 9 April
You & your home

Asking where people live, saying where you live. Describing houses, rooms, homes and public places and their locations
Spanish culture:: Housing in Spain

Sunday 10 April

You are free to explore on your own!

Spanish Long Stay 7-15 April 2011

Monday 11 April
Daily routine

Describing your day, what you do, your daily routine. Asking the time, telling the time, talking about frequency
Spanish culture:: society and customs

Tuesday 12 April
Likes & dislikes

Talking about preference: ordering at a restaurants, making requests of the waiter
Spanish culture:: gastronomy; Latin American/ Spanish music

Wednesday 13 April
What's the weather
like?

Talking about places and locations, asking where they are, saying where they are giving info on locations and distances –
Spanish culture:: Spanish and Latin American geography

Thursday 14 April
How are you doing?

Asking and talking about emotional and physical states, expressing pain . Offering accepting and rejecting something– make, accept and reject suggestions
Spanish culture:: Spanish Humour

Friday 15 April
Talking about the
world of work

Talking about jobs and education. Expressing personal preference, making comparisons, expressing knowledge and degrees of certainty
Spanish culture:: Job opportunities for foreigners – most demanding jobs in Spain

What should you should be able to do? No previous learning required

Indicative structures covered at Beginner/Beginner Plus Level: Numbers and alphabet. Nouns ,gender, plural endings, definite and indefinite articles, partitive article, adjectival agreement in outline, present tense – regular verbs, modals, and some key irregulars, subject pronouns, direct object pronouns;(contracted) prepositions, conjunctions ,interrogatives and negatives. Further structures may be taught globally and/or in context: some reflexives, imperative and conditionals necessary for polite requests. Present perfect tense, where appropriate.

Working towards CEFR* A1 level - *Common European Framework
Speaking and Listening: Intended outcomes at this level
Listening A1

- ✿ I can understand basic greetings and phrases (e.g. 'hello', 'good morning', 'excuse me', 'sorry', 'thank you').
- ✿ I can understand simple questions about myself when people speak slowly and clearly.
- ✿ I can understand very simple information concerning numbers and time (e.g. days of the week, months of the year, numbers, prices and times).
- ✿ I can understand short simple instructions and directions given in clear slow speech.
- ✿ I can understand very short dialogues when people speak slowly and clearly.
- ✿ I can understand simple words concerning myself, my family, my immediate environment when people speak slowly and clearly.

Speaking A1

- ✿ I can make basic introductions (e.g. say who I am, ask someone's name and introduce someone).
- ✿ I can use basic greetings and courtesy phrases (e.g. 'please', 'thank you', 'how are you?', 'I'm fine').
- ✿ I can make simple purchases, using pointing and gestures to support what I say.
- ✿ I can ask and answer very simple questions about myself if I can take my time and get help from the person I am talking to.
- ✿ I can reply to simple direct questions about personal details if these are spoken very slowly and clearly in standard language.
- ✿ I can indicate that I understand or do not understand.

This is not prescriptive; structures covered will vary from one language to another, as appropriate and in accordance with student need.

Levels Explained

Each course we offer is mapped to the Common European Framework, CEFR or the International Curriculum of Chinese Language Education, ICLE. The CEFR was established by the Council of Europe and grades language attainment levels from A1 beginners to C2 mastery level: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2. A good GCSE C- A*, for example, represents level B1 on the CEFR. Find out more in our FAQs section where you can download our Language Bio questionnaire to assess your skills level.

Beginners: This level is for absolute beginners and is suitable if you wish to start from the beginning and have no previous knowledge of the language or if you wish to progress at absolute beginner pace. ∞ Working towards CEFR A1 0 contact hours needed

Beginners Plus: This level is for those who have completed an introductory survival course, our Starting Out Module or Weekender for Beginners or if you are a 'false beginner' or 'rusty returner' wishing to learn at beginner level. You can exchange some personal information and use a few set phrases. This level is made up of 6 incremental evening modules or two daytime modules. ∞ Working towards CEFR A1 from 5-9 hours needed for first module

Post Beginners: For those who have completed a beginner's course have equivalent experience or are returning to learn having learnt at a higher level. You should be able to get by well in a range of predictable day-to-day situations, although key 'beginner level' topic areas will be revisited and reinforced. At this stage you will learn to handle problems linguistically in familiar situations. You may be able to talk about past events, such as what you did on holiday last year, although this will be introduced/consolidated within the first two modules of the Headway programme. ∞ Working towards CEFR A2 from approx 50 hours needed for first module

Pre - Intermediate: For those who have completed a post-beginners course recently, have equivalent experience or are returning to learning having learnt in the past at a higher level. You may have studied to GCSE or 'O' Level in the past. You wish to reactivate/consolidate prior learning progressing to a higher level. You can cope adequately in predictable day to day situations. You will be able to talk about what you usually do, what you have done, used to do and will do (use present, present perfect, imperfect and future) though you may still make basic errors. You will be able to interact with a native speaker providing they speak slowly and clearly. There is still a strong emphasis on listening and speaking. An 'Easy reader' reading text will be introduced at this level. ∞ Working towards CEFR A2 from approx 100 hours needed for first module

Intermediate: Working towards this level you should be able to communicate in everyday situations and on common topics using set phrases with confidence. You should be able to use present, future and some past tenses with reasonable accuracy and deal fairly confidently with authentic listening and reading materials at basic level. You will be able to give commands, make polite requests, cope with problems and unpredicted events in everyday routine situations and justify opinion simply. ∞ Working towards CEFR B1 from approx 150- hours needed for first module

Intermediate Plus: You may have lived abroad, or studied for more than 4 years in adult education or equivalent. You will be able to discuss topical issues and express yourself fairly well. You can confidently deal with authentic listening and standard reading material. You'll be able to cope with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken.. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans. You'll be able to produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest ∞ Working towards CEFR B2 from approx 200 hours needed for first module

Pre - Advanced: At this level you should be able to express yourself quite fluently, although not always accurately, with a wide range of vocabulary and a command of comprehensive grammar structures. You should be able to use the target language in a variety of contexts. You can marshal arguments and express opinions. You can interact with a degree of spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. You can write discursively to explain and sustain argument and debate about topical issues. You will be fairly comfortable reading most authentic texts of contemporary writing. ∞ Working towards CEFR B2 from approx 200+ hours needed for first module

Advanced: You will be able to find strategies to understand a wide range of more challenging longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. You can express yourself comfortably, fluently and spontaneously without too much obvious searching for expressions. You'll be able to use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. You can produce succinct well-organised writing on complex subject. ∞ CEFR B2 + from approx 200+ hours needed for first module