

Homestay Study Program in Tarragona, Spain

2010 Dates and Prices*

Dates: **June 28–August 6**

Choose the length and dates of your program. Arrive any Sunday and stay for 2-6 weeks.

Two week program: \$2,120

Additional weeks: \$760
(airfare not included)

*We reserve the right to adjust program prices if there is a major change in the currency exchange rate. In this case, applicants may cancel and receive a full refund.



Program Highlights

- small-group language classes
- exciting cultural activities and excursions
- homestay with a welcoming host family
- atmosphere of a small seaside town

Tarragona, Spain

Located on the coast just one hour south of Barcelona, Tarragona is a great place to enjoy the Spanish way of life. Besides the fantastic beach, the town also offers beautiful historic buildings as well as lots of cozy cafes and tapas restaurants. Almost all sights are within walking distance from the city center.

The Classes

Bring your Spanish to life in conversational language classes, held every weekday in the morning or afternoon. You will share a class with up to 11 other teens from around the world. The program includes 15 hours of classes per week, with a focus on speaking and comprehension skills. Practical activities will give you many opportunities to gain confidence interacting in Spanish.

Cultural Activities and Excursions

Enjoy the relaxed lifestyle and deepen your understanding of Spanish culture through afternoon activities and excursions. For example, you may explore old Roman ruins, play sports on the beach, or stroll through downtown Barcelona. On Sundays, you will have free time to get to know your Spanish host family.

Accommodations

A homestay with a local family is the best way to immerse yourself in the daily life in Spain. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, but what they all have in common is a strong interest in sharing their culture. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

"My host family was amazing! I always wanted to be around them because I knew just speaking with them at the dinner table would help my Spanish immensely. I loved spending time with them!"

-Kimberly-

Sample 2-Week Itinerary

Week One

Monday -	Tarragona tour & welcome party
Tuesday-	sports on the beach
Wednesday-	trip to Aquopolis water park
Thursday-	talent contest
Friday-	karaoke in Spanish
Saturday-	full-day excursion to Barcelona
Sunday-	free time with host family

Week Two

Monday -	bingo night in Spanish
Tuesday-	visit a Roman aqueduct
Wednesday -	Milagro Beach
Thursday -	Spanish tapas workshop
Friday -	fireworks show
Saturday -	full-day excursion to Port Aventura
Sunday -	free time with host family



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Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for this program? This program is open to students 14-17 who have studied Spanish for the equivalent of at least one year in high school. Tarragona is a great choice for students who enjoy staying in a small coastal town and want to gain more confidence speaking Spanish.

What does the price include? Tuition for the language course, study materials, homestay placement with meals (lunch and dinner may be packed on some days) cultural activities and excursions, travel insurance, pre-departure orientation materials, and on-site support in Spain.

What is a host family? A host family may be two parents with children (from baby to adult), a single mother or father, a couple without children, grandparents, or a single person. All host families are screened by our partner organization in Spain and provide warm, welcoming homes for international students. There may be another international student sharing the homestay with you.

Will my family speak English? They might, but they know that you are coming to use and improve your Spanish skills, so they will encourage you to speak their language.

When will I receive my host family placement information? You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your arrival date, possibly earlier.

How will I get from the airport to my host family? A local program representative will meet you at the airport in Barcelona and take you to your host family's home. You will also be escorted back to the airport at the end of your stay.

Will there be an orientation? Once you are accepted into the program, we will send you comprehensive orientation materials that cover everything from packing suggestions to dealing with culture shock. You will also enjoy a welcome meeting at the school in Tarragona.

Can I get high school credits for this program? Possibly. Talk to your teachers before the end of the school year about the option of completing an independent study project during or after your stay abroad.

What travel documents will I need? That depends on the length of your program, your citizenship, and other individual factors. Entry requirements change frequently, so we strongly recommend that you contact your nearest Spanish embassy or consulate to get up-to-date information. Generally, U.S. citizens need a passport, but not a visa for a short-term stay. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary travel documents for your stay in Spain.

Can I speak to people who have participated in the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with the email addresses of students who have been on this program.

How do I apply? Complete the initial application form and return it to ANDEO with a \$500 deposit. We will then send you a detailed application with questions about your family and interests, a medical statement and release form, an agreement that spells out behavior expectations, directions for writing a letter to your host family, and three reference forms. You will have about 3-4 weeks to complete this. The decision to accept you into the program will be made based on your completed application. If for any reason we cannot accept you into the program, your deposit will be refunded in full.

What is the application deadline? The deadline is May 1st. However, we recommend that you apply as soon as you feel that all your questions have been answered and you have decided that this is the right program for you. Courses sometimes fill up earlier.

Who should not apply for this program? Students who are currently experiencing excessive behavior problems, drug or alcohol abuse, eating disorders or other psychological disorders that might interfere with the program, or students who have experienced these issues in the past year should not apply.

When should I book my flight? After you have been officially accepted into the program. Information about arrival and departure times will be included in your acceptance letter.

Are there any scholarships? No, ANDEO is a non-profit organization and we try to keep prices as low as possible for all participants. For students who want to fundraise for their program abroad, we have compiled some ideas and suggestions. You can find them on our website at www.andeo.org.



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