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GRAN CANARIA – LAS PALMAS, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Gran Canaria has specialized in the teaching of Spanish to foreign students since 1964. The school occupies a 2 story building beside Las Canteras Beach of Las Palmas and has its own restaurant on the terrace to serve breakfast and meals to students. Established in a downtown Las Palmas, the classrooms are simple, with teachers and students working together around a table to encourage conversation. The atmosphere at Gran Canaria is informal, and coffee breaks are likely to find students of all nationalities trying out their Spanish over cafe con leche.

Gran Canaria is a founding member of the International Association of Language Centers (IALC) and member of other Spanish and local cultural and professional associations. Gran Canaria is recognized since 1986 by the German Government as a collaborator in teaching Spanish (Bildungsurlaub) for professional training. The school is also recognized by the Education Council of the Canary Government.

Gran Canaria is the second largest island in size of the Archipelago and because of its different landscapes and variety of climates it bears the title of "Miniature Continent". In the south we can find the tourist resort of Playa del Ingles with dunes and beaches of golden sand. In the central area there are, high mountains covered by forests and even snow during winter, and deep valleys full of tropical fruits and flowers. In the north lies the main town of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. A highway links the island to the airport.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Gran Canaria uses the Direct approach to teaching languages. Teachers introduce easy vocabulary and questions avoiding grammar, and progressively build up a practical vocabulary until students can take part in easy conversations. Grammar is explained later in Spanish. The main text is Gran Canaria's own, using the Direct Method, but exercises are from a variety of sources. Teachers use dictation, discussions using an overhead projector to show pictures and cartoons, and dialogues to put vocabulary and grammar into practice. Written exercises are given daily as homework. Each lesson lasts 50 minutes. Total beginners start the first Monday of every month; beginners with little knowledge could join that group one or two weeks later. After 4 weeks the group can be considered as Intermediate I and after 8 weeks as Intermediate II.

Group Program

Group classes are held from 9:00 to 13:00, Monday through Friday, with class size ranging from 6 to a maximum of 13 (average 6-9). Hours are reduced for smaller classes; if a group has less than 6 students, class will be held for 3 hours daily.

Tutor Program

One-on-one Tutorial class consists of 20 hours within a 1 week time period. All Tutor classes are held in the afternoon. The program is particularly useful for those of intermediate and advanced levels wishing to expand their general language skills or focus on specific topics.

Children, Family & Non-Student Options

Students can be accompanied by and share a room with a person not participating in the course. Gran Canaria can also provide baby-sitting service for accompanying children.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Student Residences

Gran Canaria offers its students two residences where they can choose between a single or double room. The residences are called Best Residence and Plus Residence. Best Residence is specially prepared for handicapped persons in wheelchairs. Students may state their preferences subject to availability. Both residences also offer the same common premises and services such as a kitchen for small meals. Laundering (not ironing) of personal clothing is included in the lodging price. Bed sheets and towels are provided. Rooms are cleaned twice a week. In both residences rooms all with their own bathroom. Halfboard, breakfast and lunch from Monday to Friday, is included. On holidays, Saturdays and Sundays dinner will be offered instead of lunch.

Non-Student Housing

Students can be accompanied by and share a room with a person not participating in the course.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday afternoons after class, students may choose from among several group excursions offered. These include: tennis and/or swimming at a nearby club; a visit to the Crater Bandama with a typical Canarian lunch; Arucas Gothic cathedral and the beautiful town of Teror; a visit to Moya; Cruz de Tejeda, the highest mountain on the island; Guanche (ancient Canarian natives) caves and the coastal site of the Dedo de Dios; and the southern coastal resort city of Maspalomas and the dunes. Periodically the school organizes a Friday night dinner out or an evening at the theater or a sporting activity.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

Check out our website at <http://www.nrcsa.com>
or e-mail us at study@nrcsa.com

Programs & Activities - Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Programs



The school uses the Direct approach to teaching languages. Teachers introduce easy vocabulary and questions avoiding grammar, and progressively build up a practical vocabulary until students can take part in easy conversations. Grammar is explained later in Spanish.

Students learn by practicing from the beginning. The main text is the school's own, using the Direct Method, but exercises are from a variety of sources. Teachers use dictation, discussions using an overhead projector to show

pictures and cartoons, and dialogues to put vocabulary and grammar into practice. Written exercises are given daily as homework. A complete Spanish course normally lasts 12 weeks and can last up to 16 weeks depending on the student's proficiency.

Each lesson lasts 50 minutes. The school is open during Easter and only closes on national holidays. The classes for those days are taken earlier or later in the week. Total beginners start the first Monday of every month; beginners with little knowledge could join that group one or two weeks later. After 4 weeks the group can be considered as Intermediate I and after 8 weeks as Intermediate II.

Group Program Group classes are held from 9:00 to 13:00, Monday through Friday, with class size ranging from 6 to a maximum of 13 (average 6-9). Hours are reduced for smaller classes; if a group has less than 6 students, class will be held for 3 hours daily.

Tutor Program One-on-one Tutorial class consists of 10 hours within a 1 week time period. All Tutor classes are held in the afternoon. The program is particularly useful for those of intermediate and advanced levels wishing to expand their general language skills or focus on specific topics.

Children, Family & Non-Student Options Students can be accompanied by and share a room with a person not participating in the course. Gran Canaria can also provide baby-sitting service for accompanying children.

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 16 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. schools consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Certificates & Exams

Because of the close contact between teacher and student, grades are based on daily observation rather than examination.

1. A Certificate of Attendance is given for all beginners studying at least 8 weeks.
2. Diploma Grado Medio is given after 8 weeks of study
3. Diploma Grado Superior is given after 12 weeks of study.

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Activities

Cultural & Social
Activities

Comments

"I got to learn a bit of Spanish, which is something I have always thought was important. But the big difference between learning in the University and learning in a Language school is after you leave class you get to use what you've learned in real life. It makes it a dynamic experience."

University Student, Islip, NY

"Spain is a wonderful country. The people are warm and welcoming. I would love to visit there again. My tutor was wonderful she contextualized the subject matter and made sure I could function well enough (speaking,culture, shopping, and eating out ordering) to travel safely around the islands by myself."

Manager-Chemical Engineer,
Scales Mound, IL

ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.
 City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level: Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

Check Preferences.

- Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

- PREFER:** Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

ACCIDENT / MEDICAL INSURANCE UP TO \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION UP TO \$25,000

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For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.