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for Teenagers

*Vívelo!*

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The school

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for Teenagers (aged 13-17)



## The city

This course takes place in Tarragona, a pleasant coastal resort approximately 100 km south of Barcelona (86 km from the airport). Tarragona is a provincial capital and a UNESCO World Heritage City, with a population of around 115,000. It is situated on the Costa Dorada and is an ideal location for a junior programme of this kind. The town is lively, but not too big; it has its own sandy beaches within walking distance of the school; it is very close to Port Aventura - one of Europe's largest theme parks and it is only an hour from Barcelona by bus or train. For more information about Tarragona, visit the city's website at [www.costadaurada.org](http://www.costadaurada.org).

## International House Tarragona

International House Tarragona was founded in 1980. The school occupies 1 floor of a typical Tarragona town house and is situated in the very centre of the city.

The course is run as a joint venture between IH Barcelona and IH Tarragona. The Director of IH Tarragona and his team have extensive experience of organising junior courses and dealing with younger students - almost 90% of IH Tarragona's students are under the age of 18.

## The course

Classes are given by a team of experienced, professional teachers who have been specifically trained to teach Spanish as a foreign language. The classes will focus on developing the students' communicative skills so that they are able to use their Spanish outside the classroom.

The course fee includes the following services:

- Airport transfer service on arrival and departure
- 3 hours of Spanish classes per day in multinational groups of up to a maximum of 12 students
- All teaching materials, tests and certificates
- Host family or residence accommodation, normally in shared rooms
- Full board (with packed lunches or dinners some weekdays and on excursions)
- Full social programme of sports and other activities including local visits and excursions
- Local bus pass, given to students whose accommodation is more than a fifteen minute walk from school
- Basic medical insurance policy

Dates: The course runs during July and August. For starting dates and prices, please see the application form enclosed.

*"I had the best summer of my life! I have learnt lots of Spanish as well as making lots of friends for life!"* Sarah, USA



## Social and cultural Programme

The course includes a very full programme of excursions and other activities with all costs covered by the course fee. See the example programme at the bottom of the page for details.

## Accommodation

Two types of accommodation are available:

### Host Families

The school carefully selects all host families, who have undergone Criminal Records Checks, and who all undertake to provide students with a full range of accommodation services including three meals per day. Students with dietary restrictions or any other special needs are requested to make these known in advance. Almost all the host families live within walking distance of the school. However, in some cases it may be necessary for students to take a bus from their family to the school. In this case a student bus pass is included in the course fee.

### Student Residence

The residence is located in the city centre, less than 15-minutes walk from International House. The residence, which provides accommodation throughout the academic year to students from the University of Tarragona, was opened in 1998 and is very well maintained. Accommodation is available in spacious double rooms equipped with wardrobes, writing desks and chairs, desk lamps and bookcases. Sheets and towels are provided. Accommodation includes all meals. Facilities that are available free to students include a TV lounge, a computer room, separate study rooms, and a small gymnasium. Washing machines are also available for a small charge. Students are provided with a key to their room. (However, see the Curfew Policy section below).

The monitors responsible for the program of activities as well as some of the teachers stay in the residence for the duration of the course and one of their key responsibilities is to help supervise the well being of the students at all times.

**Curfew policy:** The school operates a strict curfew policy which ensures that all students aged 13-14 are back at their accommodation by 22.30 and students aged 15-17 by 23.30, except on Fridays and Saturdays when the deadline is extended until 23.30 and 00.30 respectively. This policy is strictly enforced both by the host families and the monitors at the residence.

*"My Spanish family made me feel right at home. I miss them already!"* Michelle, FRANCE



## Example of Social and cultural Programme

### WEEK 1

**Monday** Orientation walk around Tarragona & welcome party  
**Tuesday** Aquopolis water park  
**Wednesday** Visit to Roman City Walls & Amphitheater  
**Thursday** Arrabassada Beach & sports  
**Friday** Spanish Tapas Workshop  
**Saturday** Full-day excursion to Barcelona  
**Sunday** Day with host family / picnic on the beach

### WEEK 2

**Monday** Orientation walk around Tarragona / Milagro Beach  
**Tuesday** Bowling  
**Wednesday** Treasure Hunt  
**Thursday** Arrabassada Beach & sports  
**Friday** Free afternoon for shopping & Farewell party  
**Saturday** Full-day excursion to Port Aventura  
**Sunday** Day with host family / picnic on the beach

### WEEK 3

**Monday** Orientation walk around Tarragona / beach  
**Tuesday** Aquopolis water park  
**Wednesday** Visit to Roman Aqueduct  
**Thursday** Arrabassada Beach & sports  
**Friday** Talent Contest and Farewell Party  
**Saturday** Full-day excursion to Barcelona  
**Sunday** Day with host family / picnic on the beach

### WEEK 4

**Monday** Orientation walk around Tarragona / beach  
**Tuesday** Excursion to fishing village of Cambrils  
**Wednesday** Sevillanas Dance Workshop  
**Thursday** Arrabassada Beach & sports  
**Friday** Free afternoon for shopping & Farewell party  
**Saturday** Full-day excursion to Port Aventura  
**Sunday** Day with host family / picnic on the beach