

High School *in Spain*

A decision that transforms

Program Brochure



Hola



- Age 15-17
- School year or trimester
- Live with a host family
- Private and Charter Schools

2027-28



The Best Decision *You Will Ever Make*

Choosing to study abroad is a life-changing decision, not only for students, but also for their families. At Meddeas, we understand the trust parents place in us when they choose a high school experience in Spain. That is why we are committed to providing personalized support, expert guidance, and a safe, caring environment every step of the way.

With more than 15 years of experience in international education, we have helped thousands of students successfully adapt to a new culture, develop their language skills, and grow both academically and personally. Our goal is simple: to ensure that every student feels supported, confident, and at home throughout their experience in Spain.

Based in Spain, our dedicated team provides continuous assistance before departure and during the entire program. Being locally based allows us to offer immediate support, practical solutions, and personalized attention whenever it is needed, giving families peace of mind and students the confidence to make the most of their experience.

What sets this experience apart?



A curated network of private and charter schools at an affordable cost



Comprehensive support from the Meddeas team, with more than 15 years of experience in international education



Host families from the school community



Full immersion in Spanish culture and everyday life

The Program

Designed for students aged 15–17, this program offers the opportunity to study in Spain for a full academic year or one term. Families can choose from our carefully selected network of private and charter high schools, ensuring the best fit for each student's academic and personal goals. Students stay with carefully matched host families whose children attend the same school, making it easier to build meaningful connections and feel part of the community from day one.



Life in Spain

Living in Spain offers international students the opportunity to experience a new culture while continuing their education in a safe, welcoming, and internationally connected country. With its rich history, diverse landscapes, and strong sense of community, Spain provides an ideal environment for young people to grow academically, personally, and culturally.

Spanish daily life encourages social interaction, family values, and outdoor activities. Students quickly become part of their local community, using Spanish in authentic situations and gaining confidence through everyday experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

DISCOVER MADRID

As Spain's capital city, Madrid offers international students a unique combination of academic opportunities, cultural heritage, and modern urban life. Despite being one of Europe's largest cities, Madrid is known for its safe neighborhoods, efficient transportation system, and welcoming atmosphere, making it an excellent destination for high school students.



THE CITY AT A GLANCE



3.4 M INHABITANTS

The largest city in Spain and the third-largest in the European Union.



604 KM² OF AREA

A modern, well-organized city with green spaces and open areas.



SAFE AND WELCOMING

- Madrid is considered one of the safest capital cities in Europe.
- Low crime rate compared to other major European cities.
- Safe neighborhoods, excellent healthcare, and reliable public services.



CULTURE AND LEISURE

Madrid is a cultural hub with something for everyone.

60+

MUSEUMS

Including the Prado Museum, Reina Sofía and Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum.

100+

THEATERS

A city full of performing arts, live shows and musicals.

400+

ANNUAL EVENTS

Music, film, art and traditional festivals throughout the year.

40+

PARKS AND GREEN AREAS

Perfect for outdoor activities, sports and relaxation.

FOOTBALL PASSION

Home of two of the most successful football clubs in the world.



**REAL
MADRID**



**ATLÉTICO DE
MADRID**

CONNECTED AND ACCESSIBLE

- **Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport**
One of Europe's busiest airports with direct flights to major cities worldwide.
- **High-Speed Train Network**
Travel to Barcelona in 2.5 hours and to many other Spanish cities in just a few hours.
- **Efficient Public Transport**
Extensive metro, bus and commuter train network to get around the city easily.

Schools

UNDERSTANDING THE SPANISH SYSTEM

The Spanish education system provides a clear and structured pathway from primary school to university. Education is compulsory from ages 6 to 16 and is divided into two main stages: Primary Education and Compulsory Secondary Education (ESO).

After completing ESO, students can choose to continue their academic studies through *Bachillerato*, a two-year program designed to prepare them for university, or follow a vocational training pathway focused on professional skills and career development.

Spanish schools may be public, state-funded private schools (known as *concertados*), or fully private institutions. Regardless of the type of school, all students follow a curriculum established by national and regional education authorities, ensuring high academic standards across the country.

The school year typically runs from September to June, with classes being held Monday through Friday. Students follow a broad range of subjects, including languages, mathematics, sciences, social studies, physical education, and the arts. Foreign language learning is also an important part of the curriculum, and many schools offer bilingual programs.

For international students, Spain offers the opportunity to experience a different educational system while becoming fully integrated into everyday school life. The diagram below illustrates the different educational stages and the typical age ranges for each level.





AGE	SPAIN	UNITED KINGDOM	IRELAND	USA/ CANADA	GERMANY	FRANCE
7-8	2° EP	Year 3	2nd Class	Grade 2	3. Klasse	CE1
8-9	3° EP	Year 4	3rd Class	Grade 3	4. Klasse	CE2
9-10	4° EP	Year 5	4th Class	Grade 4	5. Klasse	CM1
10-11	5° EP	Year 6	5th Class	Grade 5	6. Klasse	CM2
11-12	6° EP	Year 7	6th Class	Grade 6	7. Klasse	6eme Classe
12-13	1° ESO	Year 8	1st Year	Grade 7	8. Klasse	5eme Classe
13-14	2° ESO	Year 9	2nd Year	Grade 8	9. Klasse	4eme Classe
14-15	3° ESO	Year 10	3rd Year & Junior Certificate	Grade 9	10. Klasse	3eme Classe & Brevet
15-16	4° ESO	Year 11 & GCSE	4th Year (Transition)	Grade 10	11. Klasse	2nd Classe
16-17	1° Bachillerato	Year 12	5th Year	Grade 11	12. Klasse	1ere Classe
17-18	2° Bachillerato	Year 13 & A Levels	6th Year & Leaving Certificate	Grade 12	13. Klasse & Abitur	Terminale & Bac



*en español,
por favor*

A Program Designed for Each Student

Every student has different goals, interests, and expectations. Choosing to study abroad is a unique journey, and we believe every student deserves a program that reflects who they are. From selecting the school that best matches their profile to becoming part of a welcoming school community through their host family, every element is designed to help students make the most of their experience in Spain.

The Schools

We have built strong relationships with schools across Spain for more than 15 years.

For this program, we proudly collaborate with several schools in Madrid, offering a network of private and charter schools recognized for their academic excellence and student-centered approach.

Our partner schools include a diverse range of educational models, from large urban schools in well-connected districts of Madrid to smaller, community-oriented institutions



located in more residential or natural surroundings. This variety allows students to find the environment that best fits their academic needs and personal development.

Whether located in central Madrid or in nearby towns within the region, each school offers a unique experience while maintaining a consistent standard of quality and safety, offering international students the opportunity to experience high-quality education in safe, welcoming, and academically strong environments.

The Host Families



One of the most valuable aspects of the program is the opportunity for students to live with a Spanish host family and experience daily life through full cultural immersion.

Host families are an integral part of the school community. They are volunteer families proposed by the school from among its own families with students enrolled at the school. The school identifies and proposes these families, and they are then carefully reviewed and approved by Meddeas to ensure they meet the required standards of safety, care, and support.

All participating host families share a strong commitment to welcoming an international student into their home and treating them as a full member of the family. Students live with their host families for the entire academic year or term and are fully integrated into family life. They share everyday routines, participate in family activities, celebrations, and traditions, and are encouraged to take part in household life just like any other family member.

Placements are carefully matched based on factors such as family composition, lifestyle, interests, and the specific needs of each student, with the aim of creating a positive and rewarding experience for both students and families.

Students are provided with accommodation and daily meals, enjoying a safe and supportive home environment throughout their stay. During school holidays, they remain with their host families, continuing their immersion and strengthening their cultural and linguistic development.

Spanish is generally the primary language spoken at home, allowing students to improve their language skills naturally through daily interaction. Many arrive with different levels of Spanish, and living with a host family is one of the most effective ways to build confidence and fluency.

Throughout the program, students, their parents and the host families receive ongoing support from a dedicated local coordinator. While parents or legal guardians retain legal responsibility for the student, host families provide day-to-day care and supervision, ensuring they feel supported, included, and at home during their time in Spain.



Program Rules for Exchange Students



1. Students are expected to behave respectfully toward classmates, teachers, activity leaders, host families, and all individuals involved in the program.
2. School attendance is mandatory. Participants must follow all scheduled timetables for classes, activities, meals, outings, and return times to their accommodation.
3. The use, possession, or purchase of alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices, drugs, or any prohibited substances is strictly forbidden.
4. Students may not leave the group, school, or accommodation without the explicit permission of the program staff, teachers, or coordinators.
5. Participants are required to respect the rules, property, facilities, furniture, and materials of the school, accommodation, and host families.
6. Mobile phones and electronic devices must be used responsibly and according to the instructions provided by teachers or group leaders.
7. Students are expected to maintain good personal hygiene and take proper care of their belongings.
8. All instructions and decisions made by program staff, coordinators, teachers, and host families must be followed at all times.
9. Participants should actively engage in all scheduled activities and maintain a positive, cooperative attitude throughout the program.
10. Students must keep their host family or group leaders informed of their whereabouts and comply with established curfews and supervision rules.
11. Independent travel, unauthorized outings, hitchhiking, or unsupervised visits to other students are not permitted unless prior approval has been granted by the program coordinators.
12. Participants are not allowed to drive or operate motor vehicles, purchase a vehicle, work during the program, or get tattoos or body piercings while enrolled.
13. Visits from parents, relatives, or friends during the program are generally not permitted unless specifically authorized by the organization in advance.
14. Any serious violation of the program rules — including disrespectful behavior, violence, substance use, repeated misconduct, unauthorized absences, or actions that may affect the safety or wellbeing of the student or others — may result in immediate suspension from the program and an early return home at the expense of the parents or legal guardians.
15. By participating in the program, students and parents acknowledge and accept all program policies, as well as the authority of the coordinators, teachers, and host families responsible for the participant's welfare.

Minor violations of these rules may result in a verbal warning. However, repeated violations or any serious misconduct may lead to dismissal from the program and an early return home at the expense of the participant's parents or legal guardians.

Shaping international students' *experiences* *since 2011*

+15

YEARS CREATING
OPPORTUNITIES
ABROAD

ExpertTeam

IN GLOBAL MOBILITY

+300

EDUCATIONAL
CENTERS
TRUST US

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