

Malaga

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and talk!



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## WELCOME TO SPRACHCAFFE

You are obviously committed not just to having a holiday, but at the same time, also learning a new language or improving your skills in a language you already know. This is why we would like to send you our warmest congratulations! It is great when people want to make the world a bit smaller for themselves.

*"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart." Nelson Mandela*

It pleases us even more that you have chosen Sprachcaffe for your language trip. Lively teaching methods, a relaxed and stress-free atmosphere, learning through interaction and chatting (which helps you bond with others) - we have become experts with our 35 year experience in language teaching and with our 30 destinations worldwide.

In the enclosed documents you will find everything you need to know for your trip. **Please do not travel without this information sheet.**

We wish you a great holiday and lots of success

**Your Sprachcaffe Team**



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## The Trip

**Please make sure you inform Sprachcaffe about your arrival details at least one week prior to your arrival. Please send your arrival details (including you flight number, the airline, the arrival time and your departure airport) to your Sprachcaffe contact person.**

**Malaga by plane:** Please note that almost all regular airlines now only operate non-smoking flights. When packing your bags please remember that you are not allowed to take more than 20kg of luggage with you. Please be at the airport 90 minutes before departure.

You can take the **airport bus** (Bus Aeropuerto "A" or Aeropuerto Express) to Malaga-Centre. A single ticket costs 2 €. The airport bus leaves the airport approximately every 30 minutes until 11.00pm. You need to change at "Alameda Principal" station. From here take bus N° 11 or N° 3 towards "El Palo". The school is located next to the bus stop "Arroyo Jaboneros" (one stop after "Playas de Acacias").

You can get a ten-trip book of tickets for the bus (bonobus) for 8,30 € for 10 trips € plus 1,90 € as a deposit for the plastic card. These are currently on sale at tobacconists (estancos) and kiosks.

You will find bus routes and itineraries at [www.emtsam.es](http://www.emtsam.es) (English and Spanish) or if you have a smartphone, you can check the time for the next bus with a QR scanner app.

**Trains** leave every 20 minutes from the airport to the train station between 5.30am and 11.30pm. The train station is located next to the central bus station. As well you can chose between a taxi and the airport bus, which goes via the central bus station. A single one way bus ticket costs 1,90 €.

The **bus** stop is at the "Avenida Juan Sebastian Elcano – Pez de Plata". To get to the Tortuga Bar to collect your keys please follow "Calle Practicante Pedro Román" towards the beach, at the promenade turn to the left and at number 47 you will find the Tortuga Bar, there you will get the key with instructions how to get to the apartment. The whole trip takes you about 1 hour and costs around 3,30 euros. Please pay the bus driver with coins or 5 € notes.

For organisational reasons, we kindly ask you to inform us of your arrival date at least one week before departure. Arrival is usually on the booked arrival date between 12:00pm and 9:00pm (the Sunday before the course starts, if not confirmed otherwise by us). If you arrive at another time, you will need reconfirmation from our Frankfurt office. We will be available to agree on this upto five days prior to departure.

**Important! We kindly ask for your understanding that Sprachcaffe cannot be held responsible for your first overnight stay if arrival dates or delays are not communicated in time!**

## Accommodation

**It is our aim to provide the best service possible. However, if you have any issue during you stay please talk directly to the school staff.**

Please proceed to the first contact address on your voucher.

### Host families

Most of host families are located at a maximum of a 10 minute walk from the school. We cannot guarantee this during high season but we do our best to stick it to this rule.

Students can locate their host family address and details with a map link provided by the school in Málaga on request.

Living with a Spanish host family means living their life style! You will be able to practise what you have learned during the course and you will shed your timidity while communicating with the family. The host family will certainly appreciate a little present, but by this we mean a **little** present.

The Spanish host families are very open-minded, helpful and welcoming to their guests. Our host families are not always families in the traditional sense. They can also be active single people or elderly couples who will have a lot of time to spend with their guests.

In general, the families will introduce you to individual habits on the day of your arrival, such as, for example, the handing over of the key, times for meals and use of the washing machine. You should also be prepared to get to know the other culture (the Spanish, for example, have dinner quite late in the evening compared to other countries). Normally you share the bathroom with other members of the family.

Of course living together naturally means sticking to some rules. Please make sure that you always leave your room and bathroom clean and tidy and that you do not damage the furniture. Please take the family into consideration and avoid unnecessary noise, especially late in the evening and at night.

This "flat-sharing" is part of our concept for communicative learning and offers you the possibility of organising excursions, theatre and cinema visits with other course participants at the same time. If you have booked a double room instead of single, we will find the "right person" for you to share the room with. We appreciate your understanding when asking you not to use the host family's telephone to call your family at home. Please inform your host family beforehand if you will not be home for a meal, if you plan to go on a trip for a few days or if you are not staying at home overnight. Otherwise, your family will be worried unnecessarily! In general, families do not mind you inviting round new friends from the course, but you should, in any case, talk to your host family if you plan to bring home some friends!

**Bed sheets are provided, however, you should bring your own towels.**

### Apartments / meeting Point Tortuga Bar

If staying in an apartment, the first address found on your voucher is usually the one of the Tortuga Bar. **The bar is open between 01.00pm and 00.00am and in the summer until 02:30 am. Please contact you Sprachcaffe contact person or Sprachcaffe in Malaga well in advance if you will not be arriving within these times!**

#### TORTUGA-BAR

Calle Cenacheros 14  
Entrance: Paseo Marítimo El Pedregal 47 (promenade)  
Playa de Pedregalejo  
29017 Malaga

To get to the Bar from the airport there are two options:

**By bus:** In front of the terminal take bus A or Aeropuerto Express. Get off at the last stop “Alameda Principal” and take bus no. 11 or 3 (at night N1) towards “El Palo” and get off at “J.S. Elcano / Practicante Pedro Román”. From there walk towards the sea along the street Practicante Pedro Román. Then take a left turn on to the promenade. After about 50 meter you will get to the bar.

**By taxi:** In front of the airport you will find a taxi which can bring you close to the bar. Tell the driver to bring you to “Calle Bolivia Nr.140” in Pedregalejo (The promenade in which the bar is located is for pedestrians only.) or just show him the map below. From here you walk towards the sea and take a left turn on to the promenade. After about 50 meter you will get to the bar. The taxi ride costs about 30 – 35 euros and will take about 20 minutes, depending on the traffic.

**The location of the bar you find in the map at the end of the document.**

Most of the apartments are situated in the districts “Pedregalejo” or “El Palo”.

By choosing an apartment, you get to experience a special kind of “shared living” for the duration of your holiday. You share the apartment, kitchen and bathroom with other course participants who normally come from different countries. You can cook delicious meals in a cosy atmosphere or exchange experiences in the fully equipped kitchen.

**Please note that** all flats are only available for course participants and not for friends or relatives. For extra-stays, which cannot be granted for free, you need our confirmation.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to contact us well in advance. Please note that the apartments are not hotels: all course participants have to take care of the cleaning themselves. Sprachcaffe only organises the basic cleaning.

We recommend you and your fellow lodgers make a plan so that the work can be shared evenly. Rubbish and empty bottles will have to be thrown daily. We want all our course participants to feel just like at home and hope that all of you will treat the apartments, rooms and facilities accordingly.

Your fellow lodgers would surely appreciate a clean lounge, kitchen and bathroom. We, therefore, believe that the minimum contribution should be to wash up the daily breakfast and meal dishes. You may want to invite your new friends from school to dinner or to have a little party. In this case, you should, however, talk to your fellow lodgers first. You should respect the privacy of your flatmates in general and avoid unnecessary noise, especially late in the evening or at night.

Our flats are not always near the school. However, you will be able to reach your apartment in a short time due to the excellent public transport services.

If you are staying in an apartment or studio your first address is the Tortuga Bar. It is located only a few minutes from the school.

## The school

On the first day, **please be at school by 8:30am**. All language courses start with a placement test to determine the language level of each course participant, except for absolute beginners. We kindly ask you to do the test online at home before you departure. On the first day of school you are informed of your group and the lesson will start immediately.

**The address of the school is:** Sprachcaffe / Academia Málaga PLUS  
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School director: Auxi García

**Opening hours:** 9:00am – 2:00pm, Monday to Friday, except public holidays.

**Emergency number:** 0034 655 846 775

**Languages spoken by the staff at the school:** Spanish, English, German & Dutch

**Bistro, Snacks and Drinks:** The school has vending machines with natural roast coffee and warm drinks, soft drink and snacks.

**Internet room:** WiFi for free 24/7

**Study Room:** A common room where students can do their homework and study is available.

**Library service:** Books can be borrowed free of charge.

**Safe:** Free of charge for valuables such as passports, plane tickets, cash, etc.

## The lessons

All teachers are so-called “native-speakers”, this means they teach in their mother tongue. The teachers are your advisors; competent and committed.

The topics of the lessons are varied. Our course teachers use material such as newspaper articles including socio-political topics, theatre or literature reviews as part of the teaching. We find communication, such as through dialogue, a valuable teaching method. It is, however, also necessary to teach grammar and vocabulary! The students mainly come from German speaking countries as well as Italy and the Netherlands.

### We offer three different types of courses:

- Standard course 4 lessons of 45 minutes daily (20 per week)
- Intensive course / educational leave 6 lessons of 45 minutes daily (30 per week)
- Private lessons 2, 4, 6 lessons per day

The course groups are formed according to the students' language level which means that the holiday, standard and intensive course participants are in different groups. A student may change into a lower or higher level group after consulting the course teacher or following his/her recommendation. The maximum number of students in one group is 10.

**Lessons are not held on the following public holidays in 2018: 01.01., 28.02., 30.03., 01.05., 15.08., 20.08., 12.10., 01.11., 06.12., 25.12.2018 and 01.01.2019. Please note that lessons lost due to public holidays, late arrival or early departure, will not be made up**

Apart from the first day of the courses, lessons start at 9:00am and finish at 2:00pm for those who have booked a 6-hour intensive course. The 4-hour-course takes place from 9:00am to 12:15pm.

**The timetable may vary for organisational reasons. As a result, the lessons might also take place in the afternoon during high season.** Courses also take place in the afternoon between 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

## Exam Course

The school offers Examination Preparation Courses for the Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera (D.E.L.E.). Please talk to your Sprachcaffe contact person if you like to take an exam course.

For the duration of your whole stay, we will offer you the highest quality of teaching. Our employees and teachers have experience with long-term students and especially with examination preparation courses. However, please also take into consideration that the teachers, despite their years of experience, cannot be held fully responsible for the examination results. Only if you participate actively in the lessons, will you be best prepared for the examination.

### **PLEASE NOTE (an extract from the Sprachcaffe “terms and conditions”)**

In the unlikely event the school won't be able to create a group course due to the fact of not having enough students at the time / level, smaller group courses or single lessons for a reduced amount will be provided instead: 20 lessons = 12 lessons / 30 lessons = 18 lessons. Under the rare circumstances of our being forced to cancel, all fees will be refunded.

**It is our aim to provide the best service possible. However, if you have any issue during you stay please talk directly to the school staff.**

## Language test

Sprachcaffe has introduced a new online placement test. We kindly ask you to do it before you arrive at school. Doing the online exam in advance will allow you to start your lessons straight away.

To access the online test, please go to [www.shop.sprachcaffe.com/onlinetests](http://www.shop.sprachcaffe.com/onlinetests). You can log in using your surname (or email address) and booking number (see our documents for the correct spelling).

The test can be done at any time up to 12:00pm (CET) Friday before the programme begins. Thereafter the test will be switched off and you will no longer be able to access it.

Please do not use a dictionary or any other aids when doing this exam as its purpose is to assess your language ability and place you in an appropriate class. It is better not to answer questions that you do not know, as guessing will affect your score and could result in your being placed in a class that is too difficult for you.

You have 45 minutes to do the exam from the moment you enter the site. Thereafter, the test will automatically shut down. If you finish before time runs out, you can click 'submit' at the bottom of the test. The test result will be forwarded automatically to Sprachcaffe. You will find out your teacher's name and classroom number on your first day at school.

Please note that you can only access the online test once!

## General information

**Tips:** In restaurants a tip of 5-10% is common.

**Money:** In Malaga you can withdraw money with your credit or Euro Card (EC) from almost any bank machine.

### Climate

Malaga enjoys a pleasant Mediterranean climate all year round, with bright sunny days for the greater part of the year. The combination of mountainous terrain together with the coastline ensures a very mild winter with an average maximum temperature of 22.8° C and a minimum of 13° C. Summers are dry and hot and can reach temperatures that go well into the 30's. Fortunately thanks to low humidity, the heat is comfortable and not sticky or sultry at all.

The weather in Malaga can be slightly unpredictable, with a few sporadic showers especially in October (autumn) and April-May (spring) and also some rainfall during winter.

If you are in Malaga during the summer months, it is advisable to bring clothes that will keep you cool, but save some room for a jacket and a few jumpers for the evenings just in case there are some cooler days. Clothing during wintertime will have to be a little warmer, because despite the sun, windy days can bring down the temperatures. Remember, if you're coming during winter, to add a pair of slippers – generally indoor floors are marble or slate and are very cold for your feet!

### Insurance

We strongly recommend you take out health insurance because medical service in Spain can be very expensive if you don't have the appropriate insurance. The loss or damage of luggage and valuables is always a great disappointment but this risk can be reduced to a minimum by getting yourself luggage insurance.

### Documents

We advise you to copy all your important travel documents (such as flight ticket, insurance policies, passport, driving licence, documents for the rental car) before you start your language trip to Malaga. If you lose one of these documents, authorities can help you more efficiently if you have copies.

### Making calls:

The international country code for Spain is 0034, the local city code for Malaga is (0) 952. After this you dial the number you want to call. There are public phones everywhere in the city. They work with coins as well as with phone cards (Tarjeta Telefónica). If you want to make a call with coins you need at least 1.20€. You can buy phone cards in the "estancos", which are everywhere in the city.

### Health

As it can get very hot in Malaga during the summer please do not forget to take sun protection with you. It can also get quite cool at night and therefore we recommend taking a sweater with long sleeves as well. In case you need a doctor, please carry your EU health insurance card at any time. If you come from outside the EU, make sure to have an insurance that is valid in Spain. If you go to a private doctor you will have to pay the bill yourself, but can claim the money back from your insurance.

## Information about Malaga

Malaga was founded in about the 8th century by the Phoenicians, who called it Malaka. It was under the control of the Carthaginians, but it was the Romans who turned Malaga into a city.

The Arabs captured it in 711 and during following the conquest of the Catholic Monarchs, reforms were begun to adopt the Arab city to the new Christian dominance.

### **Eating and Drinking in Malaga**

In Malaga there is no shortage of places to eat and drink. From top-notch, Michelin rated restaurants to the most humble tapas bar, there is everything in between. If you find yourself in a Malaga chiringuito (beach bar) the traditional 'espeto' sardines cooked outside on a skewer are not only delicious, but also an integral part of the healthy Mediterranean diet. There are many other delicious fresh fish dishes to choose from most menus and generally at a very reasonable price.

### **Sightseeing**

A great way to get a good overall impression of Malaga is to hop on the Official Malaga Tour Bus. The whole tour takes less than one and a half hours and is well worth it at around 15 Euros per adult, in the school you can get tickets for 8,50 euros. The Tour Bus ticket not only allows the enjoyment of taking in all the sights of the city, but it also offers a free voucher for bus transport to the beautiful botanical gardens on the outskirts of Malaga, Jardines de la Concepcion, on the main road to Antequera. There are many beautifully kept gardens in Malaga also worth seeing.

For more information you can visit these websites:

[www.malagainformation.com](http://www.malagainformation.com)

<http://www.andalucia.com/cities/malaga/home.htm>

## Feedback

Before the everyday routine back at home sets in completely we would be very pleased if you could give us your feedback. As a participant you can tell us about your experiences. Just fill out the online form at <http://www.sprachcaffe.com/english/feedback.htm> We always welcome ideas, tips and constructive criticism!

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**We wish you a wonderful stay and a successful language course!**

**Your  
Sprachcaffe Team**

## School Location



## Checklist before departure

Things you might want to think of when packing your luggage

### Important travel items

- Travel guide
- Reading material
- Dictionary
- Cash, credit card
- Phone number of your credit card company, in case you have to block the card
- Vaccination card
- Inform Sprachcaffe about arrival time
- Alarm clock
- Sunglasses

### First-aid kit

- Sunscreen
- Any medicine required
- Insect spray
- Medicine for stomach trouble
- Plasters
- After-sun lotion
- Tweezers

### Travel documents

- Identity card
- Flight or train ticket
- Student ID
- Sprachcaffe travel documents

### Sport/Hobby

- Camera
- Extra film, extra memory card
- Music / radio
- Batteries
- Sports equipment

### Insurances

- Travel health insurance
- Luggage insurance
- Insurance card from your car insurance
- Phone number of your car insurance

## Checklist for returning home

- Buy souvenirs for friends and relatives at home
- Exchange addresses with people in the course, teachers and host family
- Pick up course participation certificate
- Tidy and clean up the room
- Pack and check the rooms for anything left behind