

# oxfordhouse

LANGUAGE COURSES



**Spanish  
Courses**  
IN BARCELONA



# Barcelona

BEAUTIFUL & EXCITING

**01** Barcelona is a **beautiful, exciting city** and is a wonderful place to spend some time while learning Spanish and living the mediterranean lifestyle.

**02** As the capital of Catalunya it has a vibrant and unique **culture** that is all its own. **Local traditions**, such as human towers (castells) or the correfoç, surprise and enchant visitors. The local language, Catalan, is widely used, but **everybody speaks Spanish too**.

**03** Barcelona is rightly famous for its modernist **architecture**, including the famous Sagrada Família church and other buildings by **Antoni Gaudí**. The medieval Ciutat Vella is a maze of old streets and buildings, including the famous Ramblas.

**04** Barcelona is a great place for **sport** including Barça at the Camp Nou, international sporting events at the Olympic venues or joining a local club.

**05** Other Barcelona highlights are the many museums, including important collections by **Picasso** and **Joan Miró**, lazing on the beach, strolling around the city streets and markets and enjoying the many bars and restaurants.

**06** Barcelona is well connected to the rest of Catalunya and Spain. Popular **excursions** include the beaches of the **Costa Brava** and **Pyrenees mountains**. Madrid is just a couple of hours away by high-speed train.







## Oxford House

**Studying Spanish in Barcelona** can be one of the most **enjoyable, challenging** and **rewarding** experiences in someone's life. Oxford House aims to make sure that students feel comfortable and looked after, that they enjoy their time in one of the world's great cities and that they are happy and satisfied.

Above all, you will be pleased with your stay in Barcelona if your Spanish has improved. Oxford House is one of the highest-rated language and teacher training schools in Barcelona and has been offering **top quality classes** since 1998 and, specifically, Spanish classes since 2008.

The school is in the **centre of Barcelona**, near Passeig de Gràcia, the most important and prestigious shopping street, and Plaça Catalunya, the main square.

The centre has a surface area of 1000m<sup>2</sup> with 23 classrooms equipped with computers, projectors and/or smart TV. We also have dedicated study spaces and a beautiful 2-storey garden to enjoy the sun in Barcelona.



## + Than Just

A LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Oxford House not only offers excellent teaching but also organises a complete and varied calendar of **social activities**, designed so that you can meet new people, practise your Spanish outside the classroom and enjoy your time in Barcelona even more.

Social activities include informal conversation clubs, sightseeing and excursions.

If necessary the school can assist with **visa applications**.



## Our Courses

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Our **social programme** will help you **meet people** and **practise** more **Spanish outside class**.



Our courses provide a **clear focus on speaking and listening**, using Spanish in everyday situations and in **real conversations with Spanish speakers**.



Our face-to-face courses have a maximum of 10 students per group and 16 in the case of online courses, so **students get plenty of support** from their teacher and a chance to practise with classmates.



You will be taught by **experienced and qualified teachers** who know how to create **challenging and dynamic classes** which are relevant to their needs.



You will **improve** your **grammar and vocabulary** through practice exercises and by using the new words and structures in **natural conversations**.



# Our Students

Each year hundreds of students from all over the world choose to study Spanish with Oxford House. Some are starting out with the language, others want to **improve or perfect** their ability to **communicate confidently and fluently** in the language. Some want

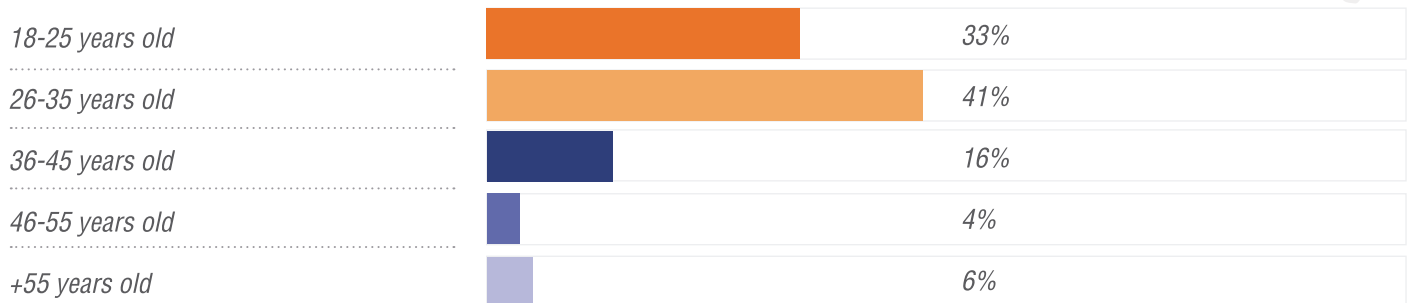
to make Spain their home, others just want to learn the world's second most widely spoken language (in terms of native speakers).

As we also have Spanish people studying English language courses at Oxford House, there are regular opportunities for our students of Spanish to meet native Spanish speakers and practise speaking Spanish in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

## WHERE ARE THEY FROM?



## HOW OLD ARE THEY?



## What do THEY SAY

ABOUT OUR COURSES?

- “Kind, caring and open teachers. Willing to help you learn in a fun, active environment” – **Harmony, American, 29.**
- “I am really enjoying my classes at Oxford House. The atmosphere is relaxed and fun, making learning Spanish easier. I would definitely recommend it.” – **Sian, British, 33.**
- “Good atmosphere in class provided by good teachers where we can benefit from the classes and improve our Spanish” – **Abdul, Lebanese, 23.**
- “I really enjoy the classes. We learn a lot of interesting topics and practicing speaking which was what I was really looking for.” – **Priscilla, Portuguese, 23.**
- “The teacher is very positive and helpful. If you don’t understand something she helps you until you do.” – **Elle, Australian, 21.**
- “OH is a very nice and serious school. The teacher is super competent and makes us practice listening, speaking and writing. We improve day after day. I am very happy with the class and school in general.” – **Urbach, Belgian, 21.**
- “Las clases son muy productivas y la profesora pone mucha dedicación en sus clases.” – **Wellington, Brazilian, 29.**



## Our Teachers

### QUALITY TEACHING

The age of our teachers ranges from 25 to 45, with most being between 25 and 35 years old.

All of our teachers possess a title related to teaching ELE, but we also employ teachers who have completed or who are actively working through different university courses such as journalism, Spanish philology or humanities. In addition, some teachers also have or are pursuing a Masters degree to train specifically in teaching ELE.

Oxford House is not just a language school, but also a training center for teachers. The professional development of our teachers is something very important to us, and we constantly work to improve and expand the resources and opportunities offered to our teachers to foster their development. In support of this, our classes are regularly observed by the Director of Studies and teachers are encouraged to participate in both internal and external training activities.

### METHODOLOGY

The primary goal of our students is to be able to communicate effectively in a foreign language by which one of the main objectives of the classes is to provide opportunities to achieve this. Students participate in communicative activities that incorporate real-life situations to demonstrate how they need to use the language outside of class. For example, students often work in pairs or small groups and participate in role-playing games or simulations of real situations, have discussions, explain events, etc. Teachers correct and provide feedback on vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation to help them improve. Classes are taught entirely in Spanish although teachers and students can use translation when necessary and/or useful.

Teachers use a variety of materials designed for teaching: textbooks, internet and authentic materials that cater to students in each group.

Teachers also assign homework to complement classroom learning. The correction of these tasks is done in class.

### THE CURRICULUM

Teachers set the content for their classes according to the needs of students, the programs established by the textbooks and the Common European Framework of Reference. The courses are designed according to the levels, needs and aspirations of the students within each classroom.



# Spanish Experience

Finding your way around a new city can be daunting, so we have created a programme of **fun activities** which will help you **make new friends** and **get to know the culture** of this land of contrasts. With our “Spanish Experience” you will **practise the language** while learning about the culture of Spain and other Spanish speaking countries.



Each month we look at a different topic through **workshop activities, conversation, films** and **guided tours** with your teacher which include visits to all the main sites and the less know ones, so you really get to know this vibrant city.





## Contact

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday

08.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

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## How to get to school



### By Metro:

Green Line **L3**: Passeig de Gràcia

Yellow Line **L4**: Passeig de Gràcia

Purple Line **L2**: Passeig de Gràcia

Red Line **L1**: Catalunya



### By Train:

Passeig de Gràcia or Plaza  
Catalunya



### By Bus:

22, 24, 17, 39, 45, 7, B24, V17,  
50, 54 or any bus that takes you to  
Passeig de Gràcia (with Gran Vía  
de les Corts Catalanes) or Plaza  
Catalunya.



### From the Airport:

Aerobus to Plaza Catalunya or by  
train to Passeig de Gràcia

