



El Camino Real

REAL SPANISH
IN REAL SPAIN

T I M E T A B L E





TWO-WEEK HOMESTAY TIMETABLE

Arrival: Saturday

Departure: Saturday (14 nights)

Location: San Lorenzo de El Escorial

Student: American learner of Spanish

Includes: Daily 3-hour English class

(Monday–Friday)



DAILY STRUCTURE (MONDAY–FRIDAY)

Time Activity

7:30–8:30 - Breakfast with host family

9:00–12:00 - Intensive Spanish learning block

12:00–13:00 - Coffee break and informal conversation/family interaction

13:00–14:30 - Lunch

14:30–18:00 - Afternoon cultural activity/ independent study

18:00–20:00 - Cultural activity/free time / family interaction

20:00–21:30 - Dinner

21:30–22:30 - Journal writing / Spanish TV / reading



IN DETAIL

Week 1

SATURDAY — Arrival Day

Time Activity

Afternoon Arrival and welcome by host family

17:00 –18:00 - Orientation walk around town

18:00 –19:30 - Settle into accommodation

20:00 - Welcome dinner with family

Evening Relax and informal Spanish conversation

SUNDAY — Local Introduction Day

Time Activity

Morning Relaxed breakfast with host family

11:00 – 13:00 - Explore town center and local cafés (included in accommodation costs)

14:00 - Family lunch

17:30 –18:3 - Light Spanish review and goal setting - meet the teacher

20:30 - Dinner

MONDAY — Spanish Cooking Session

Time Activity

14:30 –18:00 - Shopping and cooking traditional Spanish dishes with host family; focus on food vocabulary and conversation (included in accommodation costs)

TUESDAY — Café Conversation Afternoon

Time Activity

15:30 –17:3 - Conversation practice in a local café (40€ to a local - includes costs)

WEDNESDAY — Historic Escorial

Time Activity

15:00 –18:00 - Guided visit to Royal Site of San Lorenzo de El Escorial including monastery, library, basilica, and gardens (included in accommodation costs)



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THURSDAY — Sierra de Guadarrama Nature Walk

Time Activity

14:30–18:00 - Walking trails in the nearby Sierra de Guadarrama National Park with nature vocabulary and picnic stop

SUNDAY — Local Market & Relaxation

Time Activity

Morning Visit to allotment with Spanish teacher

Afternoon Free time, optional study, or family outing

Evening Spanish film night

FRIDAY — and theatre visit

19:00 – 20:45 - Performance at the Real Teatro Coliseo (included in accommodation costs)

Weekend 1

SATURDAY — Madrid Excursion

Time Activity

Morning – Afternoon Day trip to Madrid: museums, Retiro Park, Plaza Mayor, and tapas lunch (included in accommodation costs)

Evening Relaxed dinner with host family



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Week 2

MONDAY — Practical Spanish Day

Time Activity

14:30–16:00 - Shopping tasks using Spanish only

16:00 –18:00 - Café discussion on Spanish customs and daily life (40€ to a local - includes costs)

TUESDAY — Conversation Exchange

Time Activity

16:00 –18:00 - Informal card/board games with local Spanish speakers (40€ to a local - includes costs)

WEDNESDAY - Cheese Tasting & Food Culture

Time Activity

17:00 –19:00 - Guided Spanish cheese tasting featuring Manchego and regional cheeses (included in accommodation costs)

THURSDAY — Tapas Night with Locals

Time Activity

Afternoon free Rest before evening outing

19:00 –22:00 - Tapas evening with local residents in traditional bars; focus on conversational Spanish and cultural etiquette (40€ to a local - includes costs)

FRIDAY — Farewell Celebration

Time Activity

14.30 -16.30 - Packing

16.30 -19.00 - Afternoon free/ rest before evening outing

19.00 -22.00 - Concert and dinner at jazz club (included in accommodation costs)

FINAL SATURDAY — Departure

Time Activity

Morning Breakfast and final conversations

Afternoon Departure



IN DETINCLUDED CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Guided visit to Royal Site of San Lorenzo de El Escorial
- Local café conversation sessions
- Cooking with host family
- Walking trail in Sierra de Guadarrama National Park
- Spanish cheese tasting
- Tapas night with local residents
- Day excursion to Madrid
- Board/card game afternoon
- Visit to Huerto
- Theatre visit on Friday Carlos III 10€ per person





Suggested Morning Spanish Block Structure (9:00 –12:00)

Time Focus

9:00 –10:00 -Grammar and vocabulary

10:00–11:00 -Conversation and listening practice

11:00 –12:00 -Practical activities, role plays, reading, or writing

Immersion RecommendationsTime

- Speak Spanish only during meals.
- Keep a daily vocabulary notebook.
- Watch Spanish television with Spanish subtitles.
- Order food, shop, and ask directions only in Spanish.
- Aim to learn and actively use 10–15 new words daily.





Optional Additions

- **Discover the Soul of Spain through Flamenco:** Enjoy an intimate flamenco experience with powerful live music, passionate dancers and the electric energy of a traditional tablao.
- **Learn the Spanish art of Iberian Ham Cutting:** Discover one of Spain's most iconic culinary traditions in this hands-on jamón carving workshop. Learn how to slice and serve authentic Iberian ham like a professional. A unique cultural and gastronomic experience in the heart of Spain.
- **Historic El Escorial Golf Day:** Enjoy a round of golf at the Herreria Golf Course, nestled at the foot of the Sierra de Guadarrama mountains and just minutes from the historic Royal Monastery of El Escorial.
- **Real Madrid Matchday Experience:** Watch Real Madrid live at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid. Experience world-class football in one of Europe's most iconic sporting venues.
- **Horseback Fighting Bull Ranch Tour in Salamanca:** Explore the legendary ranches in Salamanca and discover the world of the Spanish fighting bulls with local experts
- **Play the Spanish guitar in an immersive masterclass:** Guided by an experienced musician, you'll learn flamenco-inspired techniques and play beautiful melodies that capture the spirit of Spanish culture.

If there's something special you'd love to experience that's not listed, tell us what you have in mind and we'll craft it just for you.



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