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GRAN CANARIA – LAS PALMAS, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Gran Canaria has specialized in the teaching of Spanish to foreign students since 1964. The school occupies a 2 story building beside Las Canteras Beach of Las Palmas and has its own restaurant on the terrace to serve breakfast and meals to students. Established in a downtown Las Palmas, the classrooms are simple, with teachers and students working together around a table to encourage conversation. The atmosphere at Gran Canaria is informal, and coffee breaks are likely to find students of all nationalities trying out their Spanish over cafe con leche.

Gran Canaria is a founding member of the International Association of Language Centers (IALC) and member of other Spanish and local cultural and professional associations. Gran Canaria is recognized since 1986 by the German Government as a collaborator in teaching Spanish (Bildungsurlaub) for professional training. The school is also recognized by the Education Council of the Canary Government.

Gran Canaria is the second largest island in size of the Archipelago and because of its different landscapes and variety of climates it bears the title of "Miniature Continent". In the south we can find the tourist resort of Playa del Ingles with dunes and beaches of golden sand. In the central area there are, high mountains covered by forests and even snow during winter, and deep valleys full of tropical fruits and flowers. In the north lies the main town of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. A highway links the island to the airport.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Gran Canaria uses the Direct approach to teaching languages. Teachers introduce easy vocabulary and questions avoiding grammar, and progressively build up a practical vocabulary until students can take part in easy conversations. Grammar is explained later in Spanish. The main text is Gran Canaria's own, using the Direct Method, but exercises are from a variety of sources. Teachers use dictation, discussions using an overhead projector to show pictures and cartoons, and dialogues to put vocabulary and grammar into practice. Written exercises are given daily as homework. Each lesson lasts 50 minutes. Total beginners start the first Monday of every month; beginners with little knowledge could join that group one or two weeks later. After 4 weeks the group can be considered as Intermediate I and after 8 weeks as Intermediate II.

Group Program

Group classes are held from 9:00 to 13:00, Monday through Friday, with class size ranging from 6 to a maximum of 13 (average 6-9). Hours are reduced for smaller classes; if a group has less than 6 students, class will be held for 3 hours daily.

Tutor Program

One-on-one Tutorial class consists of 20 hours within a 1 week time period. All Tutor classes are held in the afternoon. The program is particularly useful for those of intermediate and advanced levels wishing to expand their general language skills or focus on specific topics.

Children, Family & Non-Student Options

Students can be accompanied by and share a room with a person not participating in the course. Gran Canaria can also provide baby-sitting service for accompanying children.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Student Residences

Gran Canaria offers its students two residences where they can choose between a single or double room. The residences are called Best Residence and Plus Residence. Best Residence is specially prepared for handicapped persons in wheelchairs. Students may state their preferences subject to availability. Both residences also offer the same common premises and services such as a kitchen for small meals. Laundering (not ironing) of personal clothing is included in the lodging price. Bed sheets and towels are provided. Rooms are cleaned twice a week. In both residences rooms all with their own bathroom. Halfboard, breakfast and lunch from Monday to Friday, is included. On holidays, Saturdays and Sundays dinner will be offered instead of lunch.

Non-Student Housing

Students can be accompanied by and share a room with a person not participating in the course.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday afternoons after class, students may choose from among several group excursions offered. These include: tennis and/or swimming at a nearby club; a visit to the Crater Bandama with a typical Canarian lunch; Arucas Gothic cathedral and the beautiful town of Teror; a visit to Moya; Cruz de Tejeda, the highest mountain on the island; Guanche (ancient Canarian natives) caves and the coastal site of the Dedo de Dios; and the southern coastal resort city of Maspalomas and the dunes. Periodically the school organizes a Friday night dinner out or an evening at the theater or a sporting activity.

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
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- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

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