

The Academic Exchange Program in Spain offers students from all over the world the opportunity to get to know Spain, its culture, and the Spanish way of life. Students will live with a Spanish host family and participate in family life and activities.

The primary purpose of the program is to improve students' understanding of Spanish culture and language through active participation in family, school, and community life. One of the secondary purposes is to give their Spanish hosts a chance to get to know more about a foreign country and its culture. Participants in this program should be mature ,responsible, and excited to learn and get involved in their new community.

Our Programs

Specific dates depend on Spanish school terms.

<u>Trimester program:</u> 8-12 week homestay from September to December

Semester programs:

- o Fall semester: September to late January
- o Spring semester:
 - 10th and 11th grade: early February to mid/late June
 - 12th grade: early February to late May or early June

Other program dates can be considered by request.

Spanish High School

Juventud y Cultura will secure the participant's registration in a Spanish public high school. If you prefer placement in a private high school, please contact us to discuss availability.



Host Families

Live with a Spanish family and completely immerse yourself in Spanish culture and language.

We place participants with a Spanish host family (or families) for the duration of the program, and this family provides the student with full room and board. Students should do their best to integrate themselves into family life, share their experiences, and bond with all host family members.

Students might have their own room or share with host siblings if their family has children at home. Students might share a host family with another exchange student, but only if the two students have different native languages.



Staff Our Local Coordinators are in charge of supervising and supporting students throughout the academic year. All students will have a 24-hour emergency phone number to call in case of emergency. Juventud y Cultura staff is always available when our students need us!

Program Services

Juventud y Cultura's program includes:

- Locating, interviewing, screening, and selection of a suitable Spanish host family. Juventud y
 Cultura will find host families for students at least one week prior to the students' arrival in Spain.
- Room and board with a Spanish host family
- Processing of the AEP application, academic advising, and placement in a public high school
- Local support throughout the year by the local coordinator
- Periodic progress reports for each student
- Supervision by **Juventud y Cultura** Central Office in Madrid
- 24-hour emergency support through a mobile telephone number
- Transportation from local airport to host family

How to enroll in our program:

Send us an email, and we will put you in contact with coordinators in your home country: aep@juventudycultura.es

• Orientation upon arrival in Madrid. Students placed in the Madrid area will have the orientation meeting at the **Juventud y Cultura** Central Office. Students placed outside of the Madrid area will have the orientation meeting with local coordinators in their area.

