

ABC SPANISH SCHOOLS



3 COUNTRIES - Our locations:

ARGENTINA: BUENOS AIRES –BARILOCHE – MENDOZA – USHUAIA

CHILE: SANTIAGO DE CHILE

PERÚ: CUSCO

OUR SPANISH SCHOOLS

Our schools have been working since 18 years ago teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language. We offer the highest quality in intensive Spanish courses for foreigners in Argentina , Chile and Perú.

We offer our Immersion Spanish courses at 6 locations:

In Argentina (4 cities): Buenos Aires, Mendoza, Bariloche and Ushuaia.

In Chile: Santiago de Chile.

In Perú: Cusco.

All our Spanish schools are located in the heart of each city, close to all attractions, in very safe and beautiful boroughs. We offer Spanish courses at all levels year-round.

Our Spanish schools have spacious classrooms, meeting room for teachers and students, all the facilities for your comfort. Our team of teachers at each location is formed of highly qualified professors. All of them have university degree and are specialized in the tuition of Spanish as a foreign language.

OUR STUDENTS

Our students are mainly professionals, university students and executives from USA, Europe (UK, Germany, Switzerland), Canada, Japan and Australia, looking for high-quality services.

At the school there is a very international atmosphere due to the varied backgrounds of our students. The age of our students ranges from 20 to 65 with an average age of 29 years old.

Your views and opinions are very important to us and for this reason we regularly carry out surveys and questionnaires amongst our students so as to gauge the degree of satisfaction.

In short, the courses are designed to allow you to learn Spanish whilst enjoying a valuable and unforgettable experience.

TEACHING METHOD

Our teaching method covers all the writing, reading, speaking and listening skills necessary for precise communication. Not only are they introduced to formal language structures, but also stimulated to use them in a variety of real life situations.

The focus is mainly on conversation and it encourages students to use Spanish from the first day, although we make sure that the students acquire a full understanding of the grammar and structure of our language. Our teaching method is communicative, and the principal objective is for students to develop their skills through a complete immersion into our culture. Before moving up to a higher level, our students are required to take an exam in order to evaluate their progress.

ABC aims to:

Teach you a new language.
Consolidate the Spanish language you already know.
Encourage you to explore different ways of thinking about Spanish language and culture learning.
Develop good study habits which can be used outside the Spanish classroom.
Promote cultural awareness.
Conversation on subjects of general, social and cultural interest as well as contact with local people.

How does the teaching happen?

With active participation in a relaxed working atmosphere, based on interaction and conversation.
With individual and personal attention from a tutor teacher.
With a teaching of grammar oriented to the needs of the student.
With real and interactive situations.
In Small groups.

OUR TEACHERS

All our teachers have graduated from the best universities and they regularly participate in practical courses on the profession of teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language and the latest teaching methods. Our dynamic and flexible native teachers are a dedicated team of highly qualified and experienced teachers of Spanish as a foreign language. Our team of teachers has been carefully selected, according to their academic qualifications, experience and personality. They have not only been chosen for their qualifications and experience, but also for their ability to work enthusiastically with students. Your teachers will help you establish some clear learning objectives and will encourage you to participate in Spanish from the first day. Our teaching method is essentially communicative which results in an excellent progress. All teachers are trained to establish a close rapport with students and to stimulate conversation.

LEVELS

All our students have classes in conversation, culture, grammar and vocabulary. On the first day, you will take a written and oral placement test to determine your level of Spanish to find the class most suitable for you. ABC offers a range of levels from beginner to advanced level. Students write a level test on the first day of course and are grouped accordingly:

Beginner:

This level is for those students with no prior theoretical or practical knowledge of Spanish. Classes are conducted entirely in Spanish, special emphasis being given to speaking skills. By the end of the course the pupil will be able to communicate in Spanish using simple expressions and also comprehend basic conversation.

Elementary:

Learners enter this level with certain notions of vocabulary and basic grammatical structures. The course commences with a revision of the most important structures. At the same time, vocabulary is widened and new structures incorporated into the student's speech. On completing this level the student is able to express him/herself with relative ease in everyday situations.

Intermediate I:

This level enables the transition to more sophisticated forms of expression. All forms of the indicative verb tenses are practiced and the subjunctive tenses are introduced. In addition, special attention is dedicated to the student's speaking ability. By the end of the course the pupil is able to express him/herself with fluency in all situations of daily life.

Intermediate II:

Students entering at this level are those who have knowledge of the indicative and subjunctive forms, but still encountering difficulties in their usage. The principal grammatical structures are revised, especially past verb tenses and the subjunctives. The oral ability of the students in Spanish continues to receive special attention. On finishing this level, the students are able to communicate with ease in as much everyday situations as in their professional activities.

Intermediate III:

The student has a sound knowledge of tenses and structures, good gist understanding and a wide vocabulary but still makes typical mistakes. Has fluent conversational level and is able to exchange opinions. In difficult contexts makes grammatical errors.

Advanced I:

At this level any linguistic errors prevailing in the students speech are corrected. Conditional phrases, verb tenses which tend to create confusion, etc., are dealt with. As well, areas of language that prove to be of particular difficulty for the students are revised.

Advanced II:

The student has no problem communicating with native speakers, but is still recognized as a non-native. There are few errors, language is precise and confident. The student studies the different registers of the language (colloquial, literary, technical) through various specially-adapted texts taken from newspapers, novels, and essays.

MATERIALS

All courses include materials, books, placement test, Diploma and Certificate, and orientation package. We use the most up-to-date teaching material and also a selection of real materials, such as brochures, magazines, and newspapers, specifically, chosen by teachers for each class.

Students have access to a wide variety of other materials to help them practice their reading, listening and pronunciation, as well as their writing, grammar and vocabulary. Teachers are available for individual advice and guidance.

COURSES

ABC offers group and private classes for foreigners all over the year. You can start any course any Monday. None specific level is required to start with any Spanish. All courses can be started from beginner to the advanced level.

General characteristics:

- You can start the course of your level any Monday, year-round.
- All classes are taught in Spanish.
- Our language courses are structured considering different levels of knowledge, ranging from beginners to advanced level.
- At the end of each course, the students will receive a Certificate of Attendance with the detailed goals of the course, the achieved level and total hours in class.

GENERAL COURSE, 20 group classes a week.

20 group classes a week in small groups, with an average of 3 students per class, and a maximum of 6 students per group. The course is aimed to build up a good general knowledge of Spanish language from the beginner to the more advanced level. The General course covers all aspects of language learning: speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. The teaching program has been carefully designed to provide a progressive course with a good balance between the various new skills and reinforcement of the new points

introduced every day.

- Group course: average of 3 students per class.
- 20 classes a week (4 classes per day).

PRIVATE COURSE

Private course guarantees highly accelerated language learning and focus on the specific linguistic needs of the individual student. They are ideal for students who have little free time or need to demonstrate rapid short-term improvement. This course is offered for students who wish to focus on a particular problem or who need extra practice in certain language skills. Private course provides individual tuition giving you the possibility to choose the number of hours you need and the dates you want. Your timetable can be as intensive as you wish. We work on your language requirements: you can reinforce Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing skills.

- 60 minutes per class (except: in Bariloche and Chile).
- Classes per week: from 10 to 40 classes per week. The students can choose their own frequency.

SUPER INTENSIVE COURSE, 20 group classes + 10 private classes a week

"Intensive Course" combines the General Course (group classes) with private lessons. In this way the students can complement the group classes with 10 private lessons per week. This course is highly recommended to achieve a more intensive learning. Adding extra-private lessons to your group course, you will be able to resolve particular language problems.

- Group course plus private lessons.

ACCOMMODATION at PRIVATE APARTMENT (only available in Buenos Aires)

We offer the best apartments of Buenos Aires at the best price! Private apartments for 1, 2, 3 or 4 persons. All our apartments are fully equipped with, Cable TV, Wireless Internet, WiFi, **Fitness machines with Solarium and Swimming Pool**, kitchens Fully equipped, microwave oven, all cutlery, Complete Bathroom and toilette, Hairdrier, Telephone, Iron and iron table, Air conditioned - Heated System, Maid doing the cleaning and laundry of sheets, towels, etc, once a week, Balcony facing the street, Clock, music setm security Box, Security at the lobby. Located in the center of Buenos Aires, walking distance to the school. Fully furnished, all new!

Please see photos and prices visiting our website.

ACCOMMODATION at HOMESTAY

All host families are carefully selected by our school and are located in the best boroughs of each city. We recommend this option of accommodation as being the most comfortable and also the best way to keep practicing Spanish outside the classroom. The families who work with ABC have been carefully selected by our team and live so close to our school. They receive international students frequently, and they will know how to take you in with a friendly and warm treatment from your very first day.

All students are accommodated in single rooms. If you are a couple, we also offer double rooms.

We offer accommodation with or without breakfast and dinner (this is optional).

ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

TANGO PROGRAM: 10 hours per week, flexible schedule, classes available all days, weekdays and also during weekends, you will have a class available every 90 minutes, all over the week. Cost: US\$ 60 per week.

Activities program:

Our school has an activities coordinator specially dedicated to arrange cultural activities and excursions all days of the weeks, and also on weekends. We will advise you about the best activities at each city, such as Tango classes, Salsa lessons, outdoor activities, cultural activities, etc.

Our activities program is a special service for our students. Some activities have an extra cost from US\$1 to US\$4 for entrance fees, meals, transportation costs, etc, and the majority of activities do not have any additional cost.

PRICE LIST 2010

Enrollment fee: US\$ 50 (one-time enrollment fee for all our locations). It includes: All books, Study materials, Certificate, 1 free Tango class!, Level test, Assistance in accommodation, Free cafeteria, Free map and information about the city, Social and cultural activities.

PRICES - BUENOS AIRES:

General Course, (20 group classes per week): US\$ 170/week.

Private Course: US\$ 22/hour.

Super Intensive Course, (20 group + 10 private classes a week): US\$ 375/week.

Private apartments: please see price list in our website.

Homestay, without meals, private room: US\$ 155/week.

Homestay, with breakfast, private room: US\$ 170/week.

Homestay, with breakfast and dinner, private room: US\$ 230/week.

Airport pick-up: no extra cost: we can arrange this service and you pay directly to the driver.

- TANGO program in Buenos Aires (10 hours/week): US\$ 60/week.

PRICES - MENDOZA:

General Course, (20 group classes per week): US\$ 180/week.

Private Course: US\$ 22/class.

Super Intensive Course, (20 group + 10 private classes a week): US\$ 395/week.

Homestay, without meals, private room: US\$ 175/week.

Homestay, with breakfast and dinner + lunch at weekends, private room: US\$ 230/week.

Airport pick-up: US\$ 35.

PRICES - BARILOCHE:

General Course, (20 group classes per week): US\$ 185/week.

Private Course: US\$ 18/class (45 minutes per class).

Super Intensive Course, (20 group + 10 private classes a week): US\$ 350/week.

Homestay, with breakfast and dinner, private room: US\$ 230/week.

Airport pick-up: US\$ 20.

PRICES - USHUAIA:

General Course, (20 group classes per week): US\$ 210/week.

Private Course: US\$ 22/class.

Super Intensive Course, (20 group + 10 private classes a week): US\$ 390/week.

Homestay, with breakfast, private room: US\$ 288/week.

Airport pick-up: US\$ 30.

PRICES - SANTIAGO DE CHILE:

General Course, (20 group classes per week): US\$ 190/week.

Private Course: US\$ 19/class.

Super Intensive Course, (minimum: 2 weeks, 20 group + 10 private classes a week): US\$ 380/week.

Homestay, with breakfast, private room: US\$ 140/week.

Airport pick-up: US\$ 25.

PRICES – PERU - CUSCO:

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F.A.Q.

1) What is included in the Courses?

All courses include:

- All Materials.
- Books.
- Orientation package.
- Placement test.
- Certificate.
- Weekly evaluations.
- Weekly private meeting with our pedagogical coordinator.

2) Do I need to have a minimum level of knowledge to take part in any of the courses?

No. Our language courses are structured considering different levels of knowledge, ranging from beginners to advanced level.

3) Are the classes in Spanish?

Yes, first because full immersion is best for you and also because as the classes are international it would be quite incorrect to speak a language which is not Spanish, like English, which some group members might not understand.

4) Do you recuperate public holidays?

Yes, we always recuperate the classes. Students will take additional hours during the remaining days of the week. This way our students always take the whole program.

5) What is the nationality of the students?

ABC students come from all over the world, but the majority is from USA and Europe (specially from UK, Germany, Switzerland and France). We also receive a lot of students from Brazil and Canada.

6) Do I have to come to all the classes to get the Certificate?

In all cases, at the end of each course, the students will receive a Certificate of Attendance with the detailed goals of the course, the achieved level and total hours in class.

7) How do you decide in which group I am in?

This depends on the results of your placement test (written and oral test) which you take on your first day here. All groups are carefully organized.

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