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## Bienvenido/-a

Nos alegra que hayas elegido nuestras escuelas para aprender o mejorar tu español.

Desde ahora ponemos a tu disposición todos nuestros recursos técnicos y humanos para que el aprendizaje te resulte lo más fácil y agradable posible. Te ofrecemos una formación de calidad que no está reñida con la diversión, tanto dentro como fuera de las aulas.

Por otro lado, en nosotros encontrarás todo el apoyo y la comprensión que requieras en cada momento. No dudes en consultarnos cualquier duda que te surja, siempre estaremos dispuestos a ayudarte. Nuestro objetivo es que disfrutes completamente de tu estancia.

En Mester trabajamos para conseguir que nuestras escuelas sean siempre la respuesta a lo que buscas en España. Entre otras cosas porque nos sentimos orgullosos de nuestra lengua, cultura y forma de vida, y esperamos contagiarte de este entusiasmo.

En definitiva, aquí nos tienes para lo que tú quieras.

#### Horario de la escuela

De lunes a viernes, de 9:00 a 14:15 y de 16:00 a 20:00. Los viernes hasta las 19:00.

#### Si tienes un problema

Con tus clases. Puedes cambiar de grupo durante los dos primeros días (lunes y martes) si piensas que tu nivel no es correcto. Para hacerlo, debes hablar con la Directora de Estudios. Su horario es de 13:00 a 14:00 y de 17:00 a 20:00.

Con tu alojamiento. Las personas responsables de los alojamientos están a tu disposición en la recepción durante todo el horario de apertura de la escuela.

Con tu curso. Si quieres cambiar o ampliar tu curso, debes hablar con los responsables de las Inscripciones.



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# monthly activities

## actividades del mes

### **lunes, 15/09/08**

16:00 Visita guiada a la ciudad

16:00 Película

*El Ultimátum de Burne*

18:00 Conferencia de Historia

*Los Reyes Católicos*

19:00 Conferencia de Arte

*El Greco*

22:30 Fiesta de Bienvenida en Camelot

24:00 Fin de la fiesta

### **martes, 16/09/08**

16:00 Película

*Promesas del Este*

17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa (8 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)

18:00 Conferencia de Historia

*El Descubrimiento de América*

19:00 Conferencia de Arte

*Velázquez*

20:00 Ruta de Tapas (7 Euros • mínimo 15 alumnos)

### **miércoles, 17/09/08**

15:30 Excursión a Sierra de Francia (15 euros)

20:00 Llegada a Salamanca

16:00 Conferencia de Literatura

*La Novela de Posguerra*

17:00 Película

*La Colmena*

17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa

18:00 Clase de Guitarra Española (15 Euros • mínimo 2 alumnos)

22:30 Intercambio de Conversación en Erasmus

### **jueves, 18/09/08**

16:00 Película. Ciclo Pedro Almodóvar

*Todo sobre mi Madre*

16:00 Clase de Sevillanas (2 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)

17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa

18:00 Clase de Cocina (2 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)

19:00 Conferencia de Cultura

*La Sociedad Española Actual*

### **viernes, 19/09/08**

16:00 Paint Ball

(35 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)

19:00 Llegada a Salamanca

16:00 Salamanca Monumental (3 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)

Edificio histórico de la *Universidad*

16:00 Tenis (mínimo 10 alumnos)

17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa

### **sábado, 20/09/08**

08:00 Excursión a *La Alberca y Ciudad Rodrigo*

(25 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)

20:00 Llegada a Salamanca

### **domingo, 21/09/08**

10:00 Paint Ball

(35 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)

13:00 Llegada a Salamanca

### **LA ALBERCA Y CIUDAD RODRIGO**

Above the plateau lands rise the Sierra de Francia and de Gredos. Mountains and river valleys, forests and orchards, ancient hilltop villages and little towns, pure fresh air and true country living – it's a perfect hideaway.



Little ancient villages, secluded for centuries, look over terraced valleys with orchards of cherry, peach and almond, groves of olive trees, vineyards, forests of chestnut and oak, and higher on the Sierra wild lavender, heather and fern. La Alberca is one of the most beautiful villages in Spain and the first that was declared National Monument in 1940.

All the houses are built in medieval style and the ones on the main street are particularly impressive. It's not unlike some of the famously preserved medieval villages in parts of northern Spain. The restaurants are excellent and serve local specialities like jamon serrano and turrón de Navidad (a type of nougat eaten at Christmas). Picasso, Joan Miró, Salvador Dalí and Juan Gris among others.

## paint ball



## **lunes, 22/09/08**

- 16:00 Visita guiada a la ciudad
- 16:00 Película  
*El Buen Pastor*
- 18:00 Conferencia de Historia  
*Los Austrias*
- 19:00 Conferencia de Arte  
*Ribera*
- 22:30 Fiesta de Bienvenida en Camelot
- 24:00 Fin de la fiesta

## **martes, 23/09/08**

- 16:00 Película  
*El Jardinero Fiel*
- 17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa (8 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)
- 18:00 Conferencia de Historia  
*El Siglo XVIII*
- 19:00 Conferencia de Arte  
*Zurbarán*
- 20:00 Ruta de Tapas (7 Euros • mínimo 15 alumnos)

## **miércoles, 24/09/08**

- 15:30 Excursión a Zamora (15 euros)
- 20:00 Llegada a Salamanca
- 16:00 Conferencia de Literatura  
*La Generación del 27*
- 17:00 Película  
*La Casa de Bernarda Alba*
- 17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa
- 18:00 Clase de Guitarra Española (15 Euros • mínimo 2 alumnos)
- 22:30 Intercambio de Conversación en Erasmus

## **jueves, 25/09/08**

- 16:00 Película. Ciclo Pedro Almodóvar  
*Hable con Ella*
- 16:00 Clase de Sevillanas (2 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)
- 17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa
- 18:00 Clase de Cocina (2 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)
- 19:00 Conferencia de Cultura  
*Historia del Cine Español*
- 20:00 Bolos y Cena Brasileña (15 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)

## **viernes, 26/09/08**

- 16:00 Salamanca Monumental (3 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)  
*Catedrales*
- 16:00 Piscina (3 euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)
- 17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa

## **sábado, 27/09/08**

- 08:00 Excursión a *Segovia y Ávila*  
(30 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)
- 20:00 Llegada a Salamanca
- 08:00 Excursión a *Cáceres*  
(30 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)
- 20:00 Llegada a Salamanca

## **domingo, 28/09/08**

- 08:00 Excursión a *Madrid*  
(30 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)
- 20:00 Llegada a Salamanca

## **CÁCERES Y TRUJILLO**



The first evidence of humans living in Cáceres is from the Late Paleolithic era. Cáceres started to gain importance as a strategic city under Roman occupation. After the end of the Roman Empire, the city was occupied by Germanic tribes - the Visigoths - and entered a period of decline and decay until the Arabs conquered Cáceres in the eighth century. The city spent the next few centuries mostly under Arab rule, although power alternated several times between Moors and Christians. During this time, the Arabs rebuilt the city, including a wall, palaces, and various towers, including the Torre de Bujaco. Cáceres was reconquered by the Christians in the 13th century. During this period the city had an important Jewish quarter. Cáceres flourished during the Reconquista and the Discovery of America, as influential Spanish families and nobles built homes and small palaces there.



Trujillo now calls itself the "Cradle of the Conquistadores", having been the birthplace of many men who sought their fortune in the New World (Francisco Pizarro, Francisco de Orellana, Gaspar de Rodas, and Diego Garcia de Paredes). Celts, Romans, Moors, and Christians have inhabited Trujillo over the centuries.

Trujillo has a castle which overlooks the town and the surrounding plains. A fortification had existed for a long time before it was occupied by the Moors. It came into Christian hands in 1233.

## **MADRID**

Madrid, capital of Spain, is a cosmopolitan city. Its position as a centre for economics, finance, administration and services combines the most modern infrastructure with an important cultural and artistic



heritage, the legacy of centuries of fascinating history. Madrid is strategically located at the geographical centre of the Iberian peninsular, 646 metres above sea level. Its old town is exemplary among major European cities, and blends harmoniously with the most modern and convenient of urban infrastructure. Madrid offers a broad range of services along with the most advanced audiovisual and communication technology. All this, combined with the momentum of a society that is dynamic and open, and at the same time warm and welcoming, has turned this metropolis into one of the western world's great capitals.

Art and culture are central to Madrid life. The city has 73 museums that cover all fields of human knowledge. Of these, the most important are the Prado Museum, one of the world's greatest art galleries, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum with more than 800 paintings, sculptures and tapestries that go from the earliest Dutch masters to the most avantguard trends, and the Reina Sofía National Art Centre, which is dedicated to Spanish contemporary art, with works by Picasso, Joan Miró, Salvador Dalí and Juan Gris among others.

## **lunes, 29/09/08**

- 16:00 Visita guiada a la ciudad
- 16:00 Película  
*Babel*
- 18:00 Conferencia de Historia  
*El Siglo XIX. Absolutistas y Liberales*
- 19:00 Conferencia de Arte  
*Goya*
- 22:30 Fiesta de Bienvenida en Camelot
- 24:00 Fin de la fiesta

## **martes, 30/09/08**

- 16:00 Película  
*El Ilusionista*
- 17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa (8 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)
- 18:00 Conferencia de Historia  
*El Siglo XIX. Revolución y Restauración*
- 19:00 Conferencia de Arte  
*Picasso*
- 20:00 Ruta de Tapas (7 Euros • mínimo 15 alumnos)

## **miércoles, 01/10/08**

- 15:30 Excursión a Las Arribes del Duero (15 euros)
- 20:00 Llegada a Salamanca
- 16:00 Conferencia de Literatura  
*La Novela de Pleguerra*
- 17:00 Película  
*1929. Crónica del Alba*
- 17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa
- 18:00 Clase de Guitarra Española (15 Euros • mínimo 2 alumnos)
- 22:30 Intercambio de Conversación en Erasmus

## **jueves, 02/10/08**

- 16:00 Película. Ciclo Pedro Almodóvar  
*La Mala Educación*
- 16:00 Clase de Sevillanas (2 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)
- 17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa
- 18:00 Clase de Cocina (2 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)
- 19:00 Conferencia de Cultura  
*El Flamenco*
- 20:00 Cena Típica (12 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)

## **viernes, 03/10/08**

- 15:30 Montaña a Caballo (Horseback riding)  
(35 Euros • mínimo 5 alumnos)
- 20:00 Llegada a Salamanca
- 16:00 Salamanca Monumental (3 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)  
*Conventos*
- 16:00 Tenis (mínimo 10 alumnos)
- 17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa

## **sábado, 04/10/08**

- 08:00 Excursión a *El Escorial y Valle de los Caídos*  
(30 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)
- 20:00 Llegada a Salamanca

## **domingo, 05/10/08**

- 08:00 Excursión a *Burgos*  
(30 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)
- 20:00 Llegada a Salamanca

## **EL ESCORIAL Y VALLE DE LOS CAÍDOS**



El Escorial has been declared a World Heritage Site, it was the political centre of the empire of King Philip II, where he built a great basilica-church and monastery, and organised his royal household and library.

King Philip II chose the site for the complex late in 1562, and the last stone was laid in 1584. The architects were Juan Bautista de Toledo and Juan de Herrera. The Basilica contains two great cenotaphs, one on either side of the high altar: to the right, that of the founder, King Philip II; and to the left that of the Emperor Charles V. They are accompanied by members of their families. The sculptor Pompeyo Leoni was responsible for the gilt bronze statues in the two royal groups, as well as those of the reredos behind the high altar.



The Valle de los Caídos (Valley of the Fallen) is a monumental memorial in the Sierra de Guadarrama, near Madrid, conceived by Spanish dictator Francisco Franco to honour those who fell during the Spanish Civil War. However, only two names are commemorated: José Antonio Primo de Rivera and Franco himself.

## **BURGOS**



Burgos was founded in the 880s as an outpost of this expanding Christian frontier, when Diego Rodríguez "Porcelos", count of Castile, governed this territory with orders to promote the increase of the Christian population. The county of Burgos, subject to the

Kings of Leon, continued to be governed by counts and was gradually extended; Fernán González, the greatest of these, established his independence.

The city was the see of a Catholic bishop from the tenth century and in the eleventh century became the capital of the Kingdom of Castile. Burgos was a major stop for pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela and a centre of trade between the Bay of Biscay and the south, which attracted an unusually large foreign merchant population, who became part of the city oligarchy and excluded other foreigners. Throughout the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries Burgos was a favourite seat of the kings of León and Castile and a favoured burial site.

## **MONTA A CABALLO (HORSEBACK)**



## **lunes, 06/10/08**

16:00 Visita guiada a la ciudad

16:00 Película

*El Capitán Alatriste*

18:00 Conferencia de Historia

*La Dictadura de Primo de Rivera*

19:00 Conferencia de Arte

*Dalí*

22:30 Fiesta de Bienvenida en Camelot

24:00 Fin de la fiesta

## **martes, 07/10/08**

16:00 Película

*Blade Runner*

17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa (8 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)

18:00 Conferencia de Historia

*La Segunda República*

19:00 Conferencia de Arte

*Miró*

20:00 Ruta de Tapas (7 Euros • mínimo 15 alumnos)

## **miércoles, 08/10/08**

16:00 Conferencia de Literatura

*El Realismo*

16:00 Clase de Sevillanas (2 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)

17:00 Película

*El Abuelo*

18:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa

18:00 Clase de Guitarra Española (15 Euros • mínimo 2 alumnos)

22:30 Intercambio de Conversación en Erasmus

## **jueves, 09/10/08**

16:00 Película. Ciclo Pedro Almodóvar

*Volver*

17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa

18:00 Clase de Cocina (2 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)

19:00 Conferencia de Cultura

*Grandes Maestros de la Música Española*

20:00 Cena Típica (12 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)

## **viernes, 10/10/08**

16:00 Salamanca Monumental (3 Euros • mínimo 10 alumnos)

*Catedrales*

16:00 Tenis (mínimo 10 alumnos)

17:00 Curso Semanal de Salsa

## **sábado, 11/10/08**

07:00 Excursión a *Toledo*

(30 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)

Monumentos a visitar: Catedral (8€), Santo Tomé (1,4€), Judería, sinagoga (1,4€) y Zoco.

20:00 Llegada a Salamanca

## **domingo, 12/10/08**

08:00 Excursión a *Segovia y Ávila*

(30 Euros • mínimo 25 alumnos)

20:00 Llegada a Salamanca

## **TOLEDO**



Toledo is one of the luxuries found in Spain. Its privileged location, and the natural turn of the of the Tagus River, together with its continuous population from ages ago, create a unique city in which beautiful and harmonious buildings of an array of architectural styles. In its medieval past, Toledo appears as one of the cradles of Western culture through its Toledan School of Translators, which in itself is an example of the tolerance and coexistence of the Jewish, Muslim and Christian cultures.

Cradle of Monarchs, and the seat of principal archbishops, Toledo constitutes a tourist attraction point of first order sheltered in the knowledge stored in its Mosques, Synagogues, churches and convents. The cathedral, the monastery of Saint John of the Kings, the doors and the walled enclosure or the Alcazar portray the special attractiveness of its streets and plazas. They surround the traveler with an enchantment as Becquer or Galdos described, and El Greco portrayed in his paintings.

## **SEGOVIA Y ÁVILA**



Segovia is a striking city of architectural beauty; it is famous for the incredible Roman aqueduct which has become an icon for the city. You can spend hours wandering around the narrow streets, the luminous plaza and exploring the boundaries of the ancient city walls.

The rich heritage of Segovia is evident at every corner highlighting how it has been a meeting point for Roman, Arabic, Jewish and Christian cultures throughout history. The impressive cathedral, Romanesque churches and alcazar are reminiscent of the glorious Middle Ages and today the city still vibrates with this majestic energy. Outside the city walls Segovia is bordered by two rivers and extensive green fields where one can look towards Castile and Leon.



The impressive city walls are the defining image of Ávila; with eighty-eight towers and nine gateways constructed of brown granite they exemplify a history characterised by war and monastic activity. Ávila is renowned for the striking Gothic cathedral which has the appearance of a fortress and the historic Moorish alcazar.

Set amid the winding streets with Romanesque churches, convents and palaces it is full of architectural beauty. Ultimately it is a city of contrasts, where the hustle and bustle of the market contrasts with the quiet elegance of the temples and its cloisters.