

## **Learning Spanish in Trinity School** **EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA**



El Puerto de Santa María is situated on the Cadiz coast within the Bay of Cadiz, to the south of San Cristóbal mountain range and neighbour to the towns of Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Jerez de la Frontera, Rota, Puerto Real, y Cádiz with a total of some 22 kms of coast. El Puerto de Santa María is renowned for its main tourist attraction, its beaches, which total 16kms of its coast, all are of fine golden sand and are graced with more than 3.000 hours of sunlight per year.



### **A little of its history:**

The town was founded after the Trojan Wars by Menestheo, General of de Athens, settling in the city and naming it El Puerto de Menestheo. Later the Phoenicians and the Greeks were responsible for the increase in commerce through the port. Proof of this fact is the archaeological ruins of Doña Blanca that date from the VIII century B.C. The town was also occupied by Romanas and Visigoths and in the year 711 it was conquered by the Moors in the battle of the Guadalete who renamed the town Alcanatif or Port of the salt mines. In the year 1260 the town was re-conquered by Alfonso X who changed its name to Santa Maria del Puerto. In various works of Alfonso X the town was the protagonist of various miracles of the Virgin Mary. Christopher Columbus chose this town as his residence where he convinced a local merchant to put his boat (La Santa Maria) at his service in which he made his voyage to the new World of America. Great progress was made in the town during the XVI and the XVII centuries with the building of the Royal Boats and housing the headquarters of the Navy. At the end of the XIX century, commerce to the New World had declined and after a number of wars and revolutions the town ceased to expand. In the XX century and thanks to the commerce of the local wine and sherries and of course tourism, the town now a city, began to recover it former glory.

### **About Trinity School:**

Trinity School was founded in 1986. We are an accredited language school and form part of the network of accredited Instituto Cervantes School, which is the highest authority in the teaching of the Spanish Language.

### Acknowledgements and Seals of Quality:

**Trinity School is an accredited Instituto Cervantes school,**

Members of , EEA, FEDELE SPAIN, FEDELE CADIZ, ASELE, and ELITE.

Trinity College London, and Cambridge young learner examinations in the United Kingdom, CSN in Sweden and Bildungsurlaub in Germany.



### **The school:-**

Trinity School, which has been recently reformed, is located in a purpose built school of 465 square metres (5200 square feet) with 9 class rooms, study room with computers connected to Internet, Library, meeting room and a kitchen. Our school meets all requirements necessary for a private language school and has air conditioning in all the school in the summer and heating in the winter.

It is situated in a privileged area of the new town centre near both the bull ring the main shopping avenue and the beach.



### **Our Staff:**

Both our permanent and part time teachers that form part of the teaching staff are professionals with more than 23 years of experience and continue their training by assisting courses on a regular basis focused on our needs in teaching Spanish as a foreign language. All our teachers have University degrees in Spanish Philology and are guided by the head of studies.





























Here is a photo of some of our teachers and the director of Trinity School.



**Group programme:**

To prepare the programme of the classes the head of studies should receive all the relevant information about the group and the students from the teacher in charge of the group. It is very important that there exists communication between the head of studies and the teacher so all the students special needs are covered. Once the staff have organised the classes ,Trinity School will prepare all the material needed and will present it to each group in function of its levels.

This is a sample programme

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
<b>ARRIVAL TO THE AIRPORT</b>  <b>BUS TRANSFER SERVICE</b> 	<b>MEET YOUR SPANISH FAMILY</b>  <b>MEAL AT HOME</b> 	<b>BREAKFAST IN THE HOUSE</b>  <b>CLASSES 09.30 - 12.45</b> 	<b>TOUR OF THE CITY OF EL PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA</b> 	<b>BREAKFAST IN THE HOUSE</b>  <b>CLASSES 09.30 - 12.45</b> 	<b>VISIT TO A WINERY (BODEGAS) TO SEE HOW THE LOCAL SHERRY IS MADE.</b> 	<b>BREAKFAST IN THE HOUSE</b>  <b>CLASSES 09.30 - 12.45</b> 	<b>HALF DAY EXCURSION TO CADIZ BY BOAT</b>  
THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
<b>BREAKFAST IN THE HOUSE</b>  <b>CLASSES 09.30 - 12.45</b> 	<b>BOWLING EVENING</b> 	<b>BREAKFAST IN THE HOUSE</b>  <b>CLASSES 09.30 - 12.45</b> 	<b>HALF DAY EXCURSION TO JEREZ BY TRAIN</b> 	<b>BREAKFAST IN THE HOUSE</b>   <b>TRIP TO SEVILLA</b>	<b>SEVILLA</b>  <b>CULTURAL VISIT</b> 	<b>BREAKFAST IN THE HOUSE</b>  <b>GOODBYE TO YOUR SPANISH FAMILY</b> 	<b>Meet in the building (TO THE AIRPORT)</b>   <b>GOOD BYE OUR</b>

### **The Activities:**

The activity programme varies in function of the budget of the group and the number of weeks, the offer is ample and varied depending on the time of the year.

The students, on the day they arrive, receive a folder with all the information about the activities that we are going to do; a brief text accompanied by illustrations (this is included in all courses, for groups or individual). This way, when we do the famous tour of the historical centre of El Puerto de Santa Maria on the first day, the students have had the possibility to read a little about the extensive history of our city, this makes the explanation of the city given by the guide more enjoyably and interesting.

We achieve that the students enjoy all the activities more by letting them know the importance of each place they visit.

### **The accommodation:**

The school groups that study in Trinity School are placed in one of our host families. These families have years of experience that know exactly how to communicate to foreign students and above all, know that during the time spent by the student in their house, the attention must be familiar and friendly, that they must make the student feel as one of the family. The student in turn feels fully participant and integrated and can see that the family makes an enormous effort to make them feel part of the family.

All our accommodation is situated in the same areas, near the school and a maximum of 20 minutes walking distance from the school, this is a basic and fundamental rule of Trinity School. It is very important for us that the accommodation is near, not only for the fact that all our students can go home walking and don't have to use the public transport, but they can reach each others houses easily and without any orientation problem, basically , they don't get lost. This is vital when accommodating our students.























Here are some photos of the houses and rooms that we use to accommodate students. We have many other houses like these and at the moment we have

an important number of families having accommodated groups of as small as 12 and as big as 50 students in excellent conditions.

Our host families are in constant contact with Trinity School; having meetings before the arrival of groups or individual students, and once the student is here the families are in constant contact by phone with the school to solve any problems. The host families follow the instructions given to them by the teacher or monitor of the group or the parents. These instructions normally depend on the age of the students.

As for the meals, we pay special attention to the needs of all students whether they be vegetarians or have some type of allergies to certain products, information which has been previously give to us by the teacher, group leader or the parents.

This is an example of a programme that we give to all our families so they know the routine of the group every minute of the day from the day they arrive till the day they leave. Example for one week full board.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
14.00 ARRIVE TO THE BULL RING	BREAKFAST  CLASS AT 10.00	BREAK FAST  CLASS AT 10.00	BREAKFAST  CLASS AT 10.00	BREAK FAST  CLASS AT 10.00	BREAKFAST  BULL RING AT 10.00	BREAKFAST  BULL RING AT 09.00	DEPARTURE FROM THE BULL RING
LUNCH AT HOME  AT 19.00 BULL RING	PICNIC LUNCH  EXCURSION TO JEREZ	PICNIC LUNCH  FOOTBALL MATCH	PICNIC LUNCH  EXCURSION TO CADIZ	EAT OUT	PICNIC LUNCH  EXCURSION TO SEVILLA ISLA MÁGICA	PICNIC LUNCH  SURPRISE EXCURSION TRINITY SCHOOL	PICNIC LUNCH 
DINNER AT HOME 	DINNER AT HOME 	DINNER AT HOME 	DINNER AT HOME 	DINNER AT HOME 	DINNER AT HOME 	DINNER AT HOME 	

**Course price for groups :**

Prices are for arrivals to Jerez de la Frontera airport (the nearest to our city). Arrivals also possible to Sevilla, Gibraltar and Malaga airport. There is a supplement for airport

Example programmes are from Sunday to Sunday. Groups may arrive on other days depending on the availability of flights.

Consult the school if your group needs to arrive or leave on another day.

**Special prices for school groups start at a little as 365.00 euros per week. This price is for the sample programme above and includes classes, accommodation in half board and a full week of activities.**

**Full board accommodation is available. Hotel accommodation is also available.**