



### Introduction

My name is Juan Lucas and teaching Spanish for foreign students is my vocation. I love my job. Meeting people of different cultures also gives me great pleasure and enriches my experience.

I have a B.A. and I'm also a graduate of the Escuela Oficial de Idiomas (Official Language School). I speak English and French. I am married to Elisa, a fantastic partner, who is deeply involved in my project. We have two sons: Alejandro and Samuel.

We live in Palencia in the north of **Castile-Leon** where the best Spanish ("castellano") is spoken. It is a quiet, safe city with good public transport to Madrid and other cities. Our house is located between the town centre and the park. Everything in town is within easy walking distance.

We offer you an immersion programme tailored to your needs. We promise you a welcome with a personal touch. You will be the one and only student and also our guest. We like to make people feel at home. You will be treated as a member of the family.

During your stay, you will participate fully in our social life. You will live exclusively with Spanish people in an authentic Spanish atmosphere, one of the most effective and enjoyable ways to learn our language and speak like a native.

We will propose a course adapted to your specific needs as well as a choice of daily activities. Whatever your age, whatever your standard, if you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced, I will work at your pace. Your rhythm will be mine. Flexibility and efficiency is my motto.



### Daytime activities

Our programme is tailor-made to each student's preferences and abilities. Our activities put the emphasis on spoken Spanish.



### One-to-one tuition

The content of the lessons will be governed by what you require, which we'll identify at the beginning of your stay. You can choose two or four hours of classes daily. We'll hold the classes at home or, for example, in the park or outside a bar while having a drink.

### Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Meals have an important place in our culture. We like these moments of relaxation to talk quietly, enjoy some good cooking, a glass of wine or a nice coffee. It is an excellent way of extending your language skills.

### Walks

Walking in the city or in the country while talking is a friendly and informal way of teaching.

### Spare time

The choice is yours: your lessons, your homework, going window-shopping or making the most of a delightful country walk.



### Evenings

After dinner we like talking with our student about the activities or events of the day and also telling or listening to stories.

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### Out among the Spanish community. Mixing with Spanish people

Being one of the family you will meet our relatives and friends on a daytrip, watching a football match or something else on TV, listening to a concert or enjoying the nice weather outside a café. All of them will be pleased to have a chat with you.

### Spaniards are welcoming

The Spanish are a generally welcoming people, particularly in Palencia. They easily address each other as “tú”, a way to signify: “you are one of us”.

### Exploring the city

On your own or with your tutor, you will enjoy combining sightseeing with learning, strolling along picturesque alleys, discovering our plazas and visiting our museums and monuments. Palencia offers an outstanding example of well-preserved Romanesque art. You will enjoy some shopping, a nice cup of coffee or tea and nibbling delicious tapas or sweet confections such as *ciegas de Saldaña* or *brazos de San Lorenzo*.

At certain times of the year, there are interesting ceremonies such as the famous *Semana Santa*, the Catholic Holy Week leading up to Easter, or other festivals like the *Feria de San Antolín* in September, the *romerías* (a catholic feast similar to a pilgrimage) or carnival.



### Excursions

You can discover picturesque villages where traditions are still alive, while enjoying the tranquillity of a place where you might be the only visitor. Grape harvesting in autumn is something to see as well as visiting the caves where the wine is made. If you fancy visiting Valladolid, Salamanca, León, Burgos, Roman temples, the *Camino de Santiago* or the Roman villa of La Olmeda, we can organize a daytrip.

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### Sporting activities

Just a stone's throw from our house there are many parks, sports centres, an air-conditioned swimming pool and trails for walking, running or cycling. Plenty of opportunities to relax after class or during your spare time. Our family enjoys running and we like to take part in competitions. If the venue is interesting, we would probably go for the whole day.



### Courses

Every course is customised to your aims, objectives and the specific needs that were established jointly on arrival. You will be given the lessons that suit you personally.

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### Each lesson is unique

You may wish for formal lessons in the classroom or prefer conversation practice only while doing your favourite activity whether it be cooking, walking or talking about a particular subject. The amount of teaching is flexible and varies between 10 (Intensive) and 20(super intensive) hours a week.

### We offer two types of courses

#### Intensive course programme over the week: 10 hours

First, morning free. You may choose to practise your favourite sport or sample another activity. Why not trying a recipe in the kitchen? Then, lunch time. The lessons start at the beginning of the afternoon. Afterwards, excursions or visits may be planned with the teacher. There are cultural activities almost every day till dinner.

#### Super Intensive course programme over the week: 20 hours

The teacher is at his student's disposal all day during classes and activities so that he gets maximum benefit from his stay. It is designed for people who cannot commit themselves to a longer time course and want to make rapid progress towards fluency. Lessons



take place in the morning and in the afternoon as well as activities, visits and excursions.

According to your wishes private tuition can be given with a minimum of two hours a day and for one or two people at the most.

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### **Particular needs**

It is designed for people who have reached the intermediate or advanced standard, have specific needs related to their job and want to improve their skills.

We can provide a specialised language tuition for professionals: carrying out simulated interviews and introductions, courses on literature (various authors, themes, and literary periods, the Civil War and the Franco regime, Arts in Spain, ecology, human rights, the problem of refugees, etc.)

### **Private tuition without accommodation**

We can give private lessons to one or two students, at least two hours a day.

### **Accommodation**

Each student is the only guest. Nevertheless you may be accompanied and share your room.

**The study bedroom** is comfortably furnished and heated well. It has two single beds and a desk. You have your own bathroom and toilet. There are modern facilities like Wi-Fi.



### Meals

We have a balanced diet based on fresh and natural ingredients. Elisa cook traditional Spanish dishes. We take care of people who suffer from diabetes, food allergies and other medical conditions. We will do our best to accommodate special dietary requirements. We can also adapt to our guest's food preferences. We can cook together if you want to. We like to share our recipes and try those you might be pleased to show us.

### In a hotel

This option includes lunch at home, one-to-one tuition and the activities during the afternoon and the weekend. They are a few hotels close to where we live. It will take you ten or fifteen minutes to walk.

### One-to-one tuition

We give private lessons to two people at the most, with breaks as you wish.

### Terms: what is included in the price?

Minimum stay: one week (7 days, 6 nights).

The price includes: full board (3 meals a day), linen, towels, bedroom cleaning, laundry (once a week), trips and visits organised by the family.

We recommend you book at least one month in advance.

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