

TY Experience

Four Weeks. One Incredible Experience.

Spanish Language | Culture | Confidence | Independence

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Programme Overview

Since 2019, under the leadership of Kevin O'Connor, MaestroMío has developed a Transition Year Experience Programme that combines language learning with authentic cultural immersion. Designed with our academic teams in Málaga and Madrid, it has been refined through years of collaboration with Irish schools.

Established in Málaga in 1980, MaestroMío has over 45 years of experience teaching Spanish and has welcomed more than 20,000 students from around the world. As an Irish-owned, Instituto Cervantes-accredited language school, we understand the aims of Transition Year and the Leaving Certificate curriculum.

Our native-speaking teachers combine engaging classroom learning with cultural activities and real-life communication, helping students build confidence, improve their Spanish and gain a deeper understanding of Spanish culture.

WHY TRANSITION YEAR?

The Perfect Year to Grow

Transition Year is a unique opportunity to step outside the classroom, build life skills and prepare for the future.



Personal Development

Discover new strengths, interests and passions beyond the academic curriculum.



Independence

Learn to navigate the world on your own terms with confidence and resilience.



Confidence

Build self-belief through real-world challenges and meaningful achievements.



Cultural Awareness

Develop a global perspective and intercultural competence that lasts a lifetime.



Leaving Cert Preparation

Gain a head start on Leaving Cert Spanish with immersive oral and listening practice.



WHY MÁLAGA?

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Your Home for Four Weeks

Sun-soaked, safe and culturally rich – Málaga is the perfect city for young learners to thrive.

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320+

Days of Sunshine

580K

Population

2,800+

Years of History

16°C

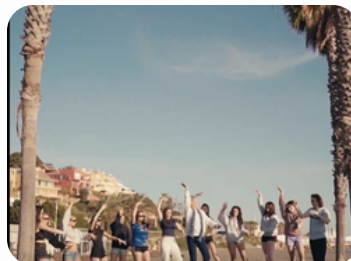
Avg. Winter Temp



Cathedral



Alcazaba



Beach



Old Town



Port

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November 2026 & March 2027

A programme designed for Immersion.
Growth. Confidence.

A Day in the Life

Morning to Lunch



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Evening to Night



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Cultural Activities

Discover the heart of Spain through hands-on experiences that inspire, connect, and bring learning to life.



Authentic experiences



Cultural connection



Memorable moments



Global perspectives



Flamenco

Feel the rhythm and passion of Spain's most iconic dance.



Paella

Cook, taste and enjoy Spain's famous dish together.



Beach Volleyball

Play, collaborate, and build team spirit by the sea.



Museums

Explore art, history and culture in world-class museums.

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Weekend Adventures

Beyond the classroom, weekends bring unforgettable day trips to iconic Andalusian destinations. Students explore history, architecture and local culture while practising Spanish in real-world settings.



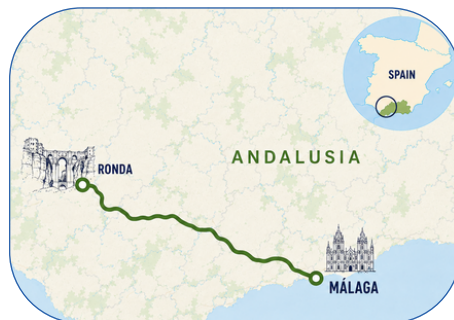
Ronda

100 km from Málaga

Marvel at the iconic Puente Nuevo spanning the El Tajo gorge, explore one of Spain's oldest bullrings, and wander through cobbled streets steeped in history and breathtaking views.

Small Groups

Personal attention and support



Safety First

Experienced staff and full supervision



Caminito del Rey

60 km from Málaga

Walk the spectacular boardwalk pinned to sheer cliff faces above the Gaitanes Gorge – once the world's most dangerous path, now a thrilling and unforgettable adventure.

All Organized

Transport, tickets and activities



Memories for life

Moments that shape your journey

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Weekend Adventures



Córdoba

An Andalusian city where Roman history meets Moorish elegance.

Explore the iconic Puente Romano, the breathtaking Mosque-Cathedral, the charming old Jewish Quarter, and soak up Córdoba's rich history and vibrant atmosphere.

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Setenil de las Bodegas

A scenic white village near Málaga

Discover the famous houses built into the rock, wander through narrow streets, and experience the unique charm of one of Andalusia's most distinctive villages.

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Note: The excursions listed are examples only and may vary depending on the organisation of each programme.

THE TY EXPERIENCE THROUGH THEIR EYES

Real experiences. Real confidence. Real growth.

Nothing tells the story better than the people who have experienced it.



Parent

Just a little note to say that Sam returned from his trip to Málaga speaking very highly of the course, the academy and the whole experience. He feels that the classes were very helpful and he really enjoyed using his Spanish again. He has returned with a very positive drive heading into an important academic year here in Ireland. Many thanks to you for all the information and management of the trip, and thanks too to the staff and teachers for making it such an enjoyable experience. We will hopefully be in touch again in a couple of years for his younger brother

Parent of TY Student



Student

I was here for the month of March. I enjoyed my experience at Maestro Mio. The teachers were very good. I really liked José and Alba; they made the classes easy to follow and understand. I feel like my Spanish has improved and the trips to different cities were interesting. I enjoyed most of the afternoon activities.

TY Experience Student



Teacher

I attended Maestro Mio for a number of days in February. As a secondary school teacher of Spanish in Ireland I found the quality of the teaching to be of a very high standard and the staff very accommodating and friendly. Rosie in particular was very informative and knowledgeable in terms of establishing connections with my secondary school for student language exchanges, and this is certainly something I will look to do in the future with the school. She was also very helpful and informative on any questions I had regarding things to do in the city of Málaga.

Spanish Secondary School Teacher



45+ Years

Teaching
Spanish in Spain



Irish-Owned

Supporting Irish
schools since 2019



**Instituto
Cervantes**

Accredited Language
School



1,000+

School students
welcomed every year

Join hundreds of Irish students who have experienced life, language and culture in Spain with Formex.

Everything Included

Your Spanish adventure starts here.

What's Included

✓ 80 Hours of Spanish Tuition

✓ Full Board Host Family
Accommodation

✓ Airport Transfers

✓ Weekend Excursions

✓ Afternoon Cultural Activities

✓ Leaving Certificate Preparation

✓ Welcome & Orientation

✓ 24/7 Student Support

✓ Instituto Cervantes Accredited
School

✓ Irish-Owned Organisation

Everything you need for four unforgettable weeks in Malaga.

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Upcoming programme dates:
November 2026 & March 2027

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