

SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD

Spanish On Board: Immerse Yourself in the Spanish Language, Culture and the Mediterranean Sea

- **Venue.** Valencia + on board the *Cervantes Saavedra* UCJC training vessel
- **Duration.** 13 days: 5 days in Valencia + 8 days (7 nights) on the ship
- **Dates.** 5-16 July or 5-17 September 2021

Programme

Experience Spanish language and culture while sailing the Spanish seas! On board our unique tall ship, the *Cervantes Saavedra*, learn to communicate in Spanish and live the Mediterranean lifestyle through nautical, sports and gastronomic activities. We will stop at several places in the Balearic Islands, including one-of-a-kind locations that are key for environmental preservation, and you will learn important basic sailing safety and navigation skills.

This course is for students who wish to learn and live a unique Spanish language and culture and environmental programme aboard a ship on the Mediterranean Sea. One week before boarding, students will meet their teachers and classmates in Valencia where they will begin their Spanish language studies.

Overview

- 80-hour programme taught over 13 days.
- Spanish language classes taught by highly qualified native-speaking teachers.
- Active methodologies combining masterclasses, water sports (diving, snorkelling, swimming, etc.), workshops, sailing training and leisure activities on the boat and in the Balearic Islands.
- Cultural activities include visits to Valencia city centre, Valencia Oceanographic museum, Formentera Island, Ibiza island, Palma de Mallorca island, and La Cabrera island.
- Certificate awarded by University Camilo José Cela for 80 hours.



More about the Cervantes Saavedra

The *Cervantes Saavedra* was built in Sweden in 1934 as a light vessel, working as a maritime signalling station until 1970. In 1977 she was acquired by a private owner and rigged as a brand-new schooner for recreation, participating in regattas, cruises, and commemorative international events.

In 2005, University Camilo José Cela chartered the ship and made two successful voyages that led to her conversion into a training ship renamed the *Cervantes-Saavedra*, with Felipe Segovia as its owner.

The ship's beauty and unique characteristics led her to star in the *Estrella Polar* television series which was a great hit for the Antena 3 TV channel. As a UCJC training ship, she has hosted exclusive educational programmes like "Spanish On Board."

Academic Modules

1. Spanish Language
2. Spanish & Mediterranean Culture
3. Nautical Lessons
4. Health and Safety at Sea
5. Biology of the Balearic Islands
6. Visits

Programme description

Learning outcomes

- Acquire a basic level of Spanish through in-person classes and through contact with teachers, classmates, the ship's crew, and the local people of Mediterranean coast.
- Learn and practice navigation skills such as nautical drills.
- Experience local cuisine and other Spanish cultural aspects.
- Become familiar with the geography of the Levant, the Mediterranean and learn the benefits of the healthy diet and exercise habits of this stunning setting.
- Appreciate nature and learn ways to commit to environmental sustainability.

Methodologies

The method combines in-person training in Valencia during the 5 days prior to boarding and face-to-face training for 8 days on the ship.

Contents

1. Spanish Language

Five days before boarding, Spanish language classes will be taught in Valencia. A level test will be carried out and students will be placed in a group accordingly (A1/A2, B1/B2, C1/C2).

2. Spanish & Mediterranean Culture

Learn about Spanish culture, its diversity, customs, cuisine, and the benefits of the Mediterranean diet.

3. Sailing Lessons

Gain elementary knowledge of navigation, international maritime rules, regulation of underwater cultural heritage, and the history of world-famous Spanish seafarers. All students will rotate, taking part in the different ship drills, instructed by the crew.

4. Health and Safety at Sea

Learn the basic principles of safety at sea as well as fundamentals of healthy living through diet and exercise.

5. Biology of the Balearic Islands

After the visit to the Oceanographic (the largest aquarium in Europe) in Valencia, sail to the islands, anchoring off Formentera and Cabrera, where you will study their ecosystems and environmental protection measures.

6. Visits

- **Valencia:** the city centre, where a tapas tasting will take place, as well as a visit to the Oceanographic.
- **Balearic Islands:** in some islands you will visit the interior, the coast or its protected natural areas—dinner / show included.

Programme dates

July Edition

Date of first class: 5 July. Date of arrival to the *Cervantes Saavedra* in Valencia: 9 July.

Date of last class: 16 July. Date of departure: 16 July.

September Edition

Date of first class: 5 September. Date of arrival to the *Cervantes Saavedra* in Valencia: 10 September.

Date of last class: 17 September. Date of departure: 17 September.

Price:

- Candidates must pay an initial non-refundable deposit to secure their place on the course. This deposit is discounted from the cost of the course. The full cost of the course (minus the deposit amount) should be settled by 28 June 2021.
- The price includes shared cabin rental (with bathroom), full board with drinks (water, soft drinks, tea, and coffee), student insurance, all classes and materials as well as visits, use of recreational equipment: 2 canoes, 2 paddle surf boards and snorkelling equipment.

Accommodation included in price: Yes

Type of accommodation: Students will stay in city center and on the *Cervantes Saavedra* located in the port of Valencia.

Other relevant course information

- The course requires a minimum number of students to run. If the course does not go ahead due to a lack of students, the university will notify students who have signed up no less than one month ahead of the course start date, and the full amount paid will be returned.
- Activities are subject to change according to circumstances such as the weather or other adverse factors. The ship's captain will decide on changes in order to ensure safety and compliance are safeguarded.
- Travel to and from place of residence to the ship in the port of Valencia is not included in the price of the course. Each student must arrange his/her travel to and from the ship.

Check Out the *Cervantes Saavedra*

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The university has four different schools: Communications and Humanities, Education, Health, and Technology and Science, offering a range of Spanish and European official undergraduate and graduate programmes.

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