

CASE STUDY



SPANISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, YEAR 9 TRIP TO MURCIA STAYING AT THE ARBOLAR CENTRE ON MAR MENOR

BE 'THAT' TEACHER!

PARTY LEADER

Stella Gibson, MFL



"I have made memories and friends on this trip to last forever. Talking Spanish in real life situations is so different to anything we do in lessons and I feel more confident speaking Spanish now. Although it's been really educational, it's been so much fun and I've made some great friends. Thanks so much."

Year 10 pupil

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE TRIP

- Dates: Sun 12 Mar - Thurs 16 Mar
- Arbolar Centre, Mar Menor, Murcia
- Group size 36 paying & 4 free places
- Paying £482ppp

Why we go to Arbolar to practice speaking Spanish

"The Learning Objectives for the trip are to learn and practice speaking Spanish in an authentic setting, to improve confidence in spoken Spanish, as well as to get a better understanding of Spanish life, culture, history and geography. The students certainly come back with more confidence in speaking Spanish.

The monitores at the Arbolar centre make the trip. They are enthusiastic, cheerful, full of energy and they cannot do enough for you. With our group of 36 students we had 4-5 monitores, who met us at the airport and stayed with us throughout the trip. They speak Spanish to the children at all times and try to avoid English unless really needed, such as for the watersports sessions. The students really enjoyed spending time with and speaking to the monitores.

One of our favourite activities was the Salsa dancing, led by a professional teacher. It was Zumba style with some salsa steps, with all directions and counting in Spanish. Very energetic and great fun.

The students also really loved the Spanish games on the beach, especially the photo beach race, which I have copied to use at our European day of languages in school, because it gets the kids thinking about Spanish and working as a team.

As with everything else, the monitores accompanied us on our excursions to Cartagena and to the local market, briefing students on a shopping challenge, helping staff, encouraging students to speak Spanish and organising a town trail quiz, all in Spanish of course.

The farewell party was a lovely way to round off the trip, with music and games, plus we organised some prizes for best salsa dancer and shopper!

In terms of timing, we've previously taken this trip in June but decided to travel in March this year mainly because it is much cheaper, though it was also much quieter and the Arbolar centre was able to provide single rooms for all staff (at no extra cost). And despite it being March, the students enjoyed the sea with no complaints!"



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What about the accommodation?

"This was our second time staying at the Arbolar Centre and it is perfect for our school group. The location, being on the beach, is great - the students love it and staff love it because it is quiet and there is no traffic.

The accommodation itself is also perfect, with en-suite rooms for everyone, plus plenty of indoor and outdoor space. The centre is just for schools.

The food is good - you are well fed. Dietary needs are well catered for and when on site, an afternoon snack and drink are provided. A free water machine is very handy for everyone to fill up their water bottles and the group loved the bbq night and the tapas night."

What were the Learning Outcomes from the trip?

"Since returning from Arbolar, the students have more confidence in speaking Spanish. The visit has also improved their listening skills, as well as giving them a better understanding of Spanish life, people and culture. The trip has also improved their understanding of aspects of Spanish History and Geography.

All the staff were in agreement that the Arbolar is a great centre and the monitores are amazing."



Why do you choose to travel with Voyager?

"We chose to travel with Voyager following a recommendation from a colleague in the school who takes a French language trip to their centre in Normandy.

The trip is very well organised, which takes the pressure off me the group leader. We had a last minute name change which our tour coordinator Alicia sorted out very quickly.

We also really like that it is an all-inclusive package, which came in on budget, with no hidden extras."

Included in the £482pp price?

- 4 free places based on 36 paying students
- Return flights & overseas coach transfers
- 4 nights full board accommodation
- Fully inclusive Spanish Language Immersion programme
- 4 full time 'Monitores' to accompany group
- Cartegana boat trip, Paella making & BBQ
- Worksheets



Headline Itinerary

- Day 1** Arrive in Spain, orientation & games
- Day 2** Spanish lesson, Spanish cooking workshop, Watersports, Evening Ents
- Day 3** Spanish lesson, Cartegana visit & boat trip, Mediterraneo Shopping, Eve Ents
- Day 4** Spanish lesson, Street Market, Beach Games, Salsa Dancing, Farewell Party
- Day 5** Return to UK

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