



UNIVERSIDAD
DE MÁLAGA

Ronda

A bridge to the Spanish culture

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Español

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Espagnol

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Espanhol

Španělština

Spanisch

Spagnolo

Ισπανικά

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Hiszpański



Before arriving to Spain

Visas

Citizens from the EU do not need any visa in order to be in Spain.

Citizens from not EU countries who are going to study for less than 3 months (90 days) do not need any visa, but for those who have decided to study for more than three months, they will need necessarily a Student Visa. Please contact the closest Spanish Embassy.

In both cases, we will provide students with certificates of enrolment if needed and we will refund full fees paid if Visa is denied.

Health Insurances

For those students coming from EU countries, we recommend that you bring your EU International Health Id Card. This card will allow you to be assisted without charge in any of the hospitals here in Spain.

For those students coming with private insurance, you should be informed that you will be asked to cover any hospitals costs here in Spain and later, by presenting the respective invoice, your insurance company will reimburse you.

The **Programa Internacional de Estudios de Español** is insured through a private medical centre by which our students can be attended for free in case of emergencies.

Students will need to get a student ID at the secretary of the study centre in order to be attended for free in this private centre.

Banking

Be certain you have an automatic teller card on the Plus/Most system in order to withdraw money from your bank account in euros. Check with your bank to be aware of the fee for withdrawals abroad. Also, be certain your funds are in your checking account because it can be difficult to transfer funds from different accounts once you are here.

The safest way for travelling is to bring some money in cash and the rest in travel checks, but be aware that banks charge a higher commission on travel checks than on atm withdrawals.

It is also a good idea to bring with you about 100.00 euros in cash when you arrive in case of emergency.

Telephone

We do recommend students to bring mobile phones with them, getting a Spanish phone card for your own mobile.

Prices used to be similar that if you get a new prepaid card phone, around 45.00 euros.

Packing

Students studying in either the Spring or Fall semester will need both warm weather and cold weather clothes, but never pack more than you are able to carry. Average temperatures during the year:

Spring:

Maximum 25°C

Minimum 10°C

Autumn:

Maximum 25°C

Minimum 10°C

Summer

Maximum 40°C

Minimum 20°C

Winter:

Maximum 15°C

Minimum 2°C

For those who are going to live in an apartment, we just recommend that you pack towels for your personal use and take into account that Spanish houses are not normally well prepared for winters.

Arriving to Ronda

Since the method of arrival varies greatly with each student, there are no simple instructions for what to do once you arrive in Spain.

Depending on whether you fly into Málaga, Seville or Madrid, you will either take the train or the bus to Ronda. Students should notify us as soon as possible where and when they will be arriving so that we can provide the train and/or bus schedule for that day. Students will be met at the train or bus station and accompanied to their residence. General orientation will be provided at this time (such as maps, emergency phone numbers, etc.)

If you have any question or need any special information, please do not hesitate to contact us
info@rondapiee.com



Arrival to Spain

Once you are in Spain, you may feel a little lost, but with this information we hope to make you feel secured.

Arrival in Málaga

It's the best option. Once you are there, you should ask at the information desk in the airport where you can get the bus which takes you to the Málaga central bus station. Normally it stops at the exit of the Terminal 3

Directions To Ronda From The Málaga Airport

1. Once you have landed in Málaga, you will follow the signs to the baggage claim (You will land in Terminal 3). Pick up your bag and follow the exit signs and look for/ask for the bus stop for the direct bus to Malaga train station. Once there, the bus station is beside The trip takes about 15-20 minutes and costs 1.10€. The bus refuses to accept any bills larger than a 5€ so keep this in mind for when you arrive. If you are concerned about which stop you are supposed to get off at just be patient, it will be very obvious that you are at the bus station because you actually go into the bus station arena and the bus makes a definitive stop in bay 39 so do not get off on the street unless you are planning to stay at a hotel in the city.

2. If you would like to see the exact stops, the following website will take you directly to the page which shows the stops for the bus that takes you from the airport to the bus station in Málaga: *Note: Since 2009 Malaga has been under construction so many of the number of bus stops may have changed and the route might be slightly different but you will still actually enter the bus station and the bus will make a complete stop.*

http://www.aena.es/csee/Satellite?cid=1048858947329&pagename=subHome&Language=ES_ES&SMO=1&SiteName=AGP&p=1048858947201&c=Page&MO=1

3. If you have any problems with your luggage being lost, there are offices near the baggage claim with people to help take claims. There are more than one servicing different airlines so in the rare event that you have an issue, choose the appropriate airline and submit your claim. Feel free to ask someone to help if you need it.

4. If you need to use a telephone, there are payphones around the terminal. Deposit at least 2 € to make a local phone call. This should give you at least 2 minutes to talk. The public phones are very tricky though and are notorious for not actually working.

5. If you are unable or unwilling to take the bus from the airport to the bus station, then you can take a taxi but it is MUCH more expensive. If the taxidriver proposes to take you to Ronda directly by taxi, please say no!! The price is very expensive, and it may vary between 150-200 euros. The school offers a transfer service from Malaga or Seville airport to Ronda. We understand that the cost of this transfer is also expensive, 130.00/150.00 euros (2010), but it is fast and safe, arriving to your accommodation on the same night. This shuttle service allows a maximum of 4 people per taxi and you can split the cost between the 4 of you. You can schedule prior to your arrival. If you are interested in this option due to the time of arrival or for whatever other reason, please contact the coordinator at the following e-mail address: info@rondapiee.com

6. Once you have made it to the bus station, you will then need to take a bus to Ronda. Inside the bus station you will go to the Amarillos counter (unless you are taking Portillo which is not advised unless you want to pay more and be on the bus for an hour longer) and you will buy a ticket for the ride to Ronda. The price should be 9.20 € but could change depending on the season. However, you should expect the price to be around 11€ so be prepared and once again do not pay with bills larger than a 20.

7. If for some reason the ticket counter inside is closed do not worry. You can pay directly to the bus driver when boarding the bus for Ronda. The bus use to be in bay 31 for Ronda by Los Amarillos.

8. It is advisable to exchange enough money for your entry into Spain before leaving home (if your native country's currency is anything other than the euro).

I would suggest around 40€ as a maximum but really about 20 or 30 euros will be very comfortable if you are not buying food.

9. The following Los Amarillos bus schedule is updated for 2010, however, for Portillos which is not advisable to take due to the very long ride, does not have a reliable update of their schedule; the following posted was updated as of 2008. Once you have purchased your ticket the cashier should tell you at which platform you will need to go to for your bus.

10. As you will notice, the buses available through the Portillo service take about an hour longer and are more expensive with fewer buses running. Therefore, we recommend you take a bus through Los Amarillos Company.

11. Once you have arrived in Ronda, you will be met by either your host family or the owners of the apartment in which you will be living or a representative of the school. If for some reason you are not met by someone or have any other difficulties due to delayed or cancelled flights, please call the Director Joaquin Hita on his cell phone 670-761-855 and he will be able to help you figure out your arrival. If you would like your host family to meet you at the bus station in Ronda to pick you up, please make sure that you provide your flight information before your arrival so that they will know when to expect you.

LOS AMARILLOS S.L +34-952 18 70 61 www.losamarillos.es

MÁLAGA –RONDA (1.45h directo/ 1.45h direct bus)

De Lunes a Viernes (From Monday to Friday) 8:00 -10:00-11:30-13.00-16:00- 17:00-18:00-19:00-20:00

Sábados /Saturdays8:00-10:00-11.30-16.00-17.00- 19:00

Domingos y festivos / Sundays and holidays 8:00-10.00-11.30-16.00-17:00- 19.00- 20:00

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www.ctsa-portillo.com

MÁLAGA – RONDA (9,63€- 2.45h /2h directo)

De Lunes a jueves/ Monday to Thursday 8:15-10:00-12:30-16:30

Viernes/Friday 8:15-10:00-12:30-16:30-20:15

Sábados/Saturdays 8:15-10:00-12:30-16:30

Domingos y Festivos/Sundays and Holidays 8:15 – 10:30-16:30-20:15(directo/direct bus)

Arrival in Seville

If you arrive to Seville airport, we recommend that you take a taxi at the airport to go to the Sevilla bus station called «Prado de San Sebastián»

There, you will have to look for the ticket bureau of LOS AMARILLOS bus company. www.losamarillos.es

SEVILLA– RONDA (11.00€- 2.30h)

De Lunes a Viernes/ Monday to Friday: :7:00-10:00-12:00-15:00-17:00

Sábados/Saturdays 10:00-15:00-17:00

Domingos y Festivos/Sundays and Holidays 8:00-10:00-15:00-17:00

Arrival in Madrid


To get from Madrid to Ronda, the best thing to do is to come by train. This information may change so check the schedules on the Spanish rail system website: www.renfe.es. This is available in English as well. There are two options.

Madrid-Ronda* DAILY

Train #	Type of Train	Departure	Arrival	Price
09367	ALTARIA	8:40	12:27	64.80 €
09384	ALTARIA	15:05	19:01	64,80 €

*Both trains have a final destination of Algeciras, so don't get confused or miss your stop!! Make sure to ask for a ticket to Ronda. They both leave from the ATOCHA station (metro: Atocha Renfe).

Metro in Madrid*: www.ctm-madrid.es (also available in English)

- After you pick up your luggage at the airport, go to the RENFE office or the tourist information booth, both of which are just outside the baggage claim exit.
- Once you know which train you are taking, make your way to the metro station at the end of the airport—follow the red, white, and blue “M” signs. 
- Get a metro schedule and ticket from the ticket booth. A single trip ticket costs 1 euro, while a ten trip ticket costs 6,40 euros.
- Decide which way you want to go to get to the train station—ATOCHA is on the #1 (light blue) line—and remember the starting point is aeropuerto on the #8 (pink) line. If you´re travelling by yourself or at high traffic times (i.e., 8:00-9:00, 14:00-15:00, 19:00-21:00), I´d recommend the following route So as to avoid the extremely busy downtown area (and therefore lessen your chance of being pickpocketed):

☒ Line 8 (pink) in the direction of Nuevos Ministerios, getting off at Nuevos Ministerios.

☒ Line 6 (grey) in the direction of Avda. de América & Diego de León, getting off at Pacifico. This line is a circular line, so make sure you´re going the right way!!!

☒ Line 1 (light blue) in the direction of Plaza de Castilla, getting off at Atocha Renfe.

*The metro can take up to an hour, so if you are in a rush, I would opt for a taxi, although this will be more expensive.



Safety upon arrival

Even if you try to be polite or speak the Spanish you know, please be very careful upon arrival. It is needless to say so, but always take care of your luggage and do not take any package from any unknown person. Use your common sense!!

Getting to the Study center

This is a very important question that should not be forgotten because for many of you, the first time you go to the school will be to take the exam.

Since you all will be coming from different directions I will use the Tajo (New Bridge) as a reference point. After you cross the Tajo into the old part of town, walk straight for three blocks. Along the first block on your left there is a group of stores with a covered patio which ends with a restaurant.

Continue walking two blocks more. Turn left at the end of the third block in the Plaza de Abul Beka (to double check, you can look up and there should be a "Panadería" sign with a little "45" address marker beside it). Keep walking straight and the Casa del Jalifa (the building where the school is) will be on your right. (The street address is Marqués de Salvatierra, 8 and it has the Universidad de Málaga logo on it.) Go through the first two doors and turn right. Going through the next two doors will put you in the indoor patio of the school.





Things to do the first day

What do I do on the first day?

Because the first day can be kind of hectic with everything being new and all, below is the schedule of what will happen as well as a couple reminders.

9:00 am: Placement Exam: All students who have studied Spanish previously are expected to take the placement exam. The placement exam consists of a written part and an oral part. This exam is intended to evaluate your current Spanish level and place you in the appropriate class, so don't stress about it. When you arrive one of the professors will direct you as to where to go. For those who have had no prior experience with Spanish, you do not have to take the exam; class will start that very day.

11:00 am Orientation: All students are expected to attend an orientation in the Salon de Actos. This orientation will be in both English and Spanish and will discuss various aspects of the program and life in Ronda.

12:00 pm Tour of Ronda: A tour of Ronda will be given by a native Rondeño. It is an excellent way to get to know Ronda "through the eyes of a Rondeño". We will meet our guide on the ground floor in the indoor patio.

Reminders:

- 1) Bring your passport with you on the first day and give a copy of it to the Programs Coordinator upon arrival. His/her desk is located in the office labelled "secretaría". He/she will return it to you during the orientation.
- 2) Bring 2 passport-sized photos with you to school if you have not already sent them. One is needed for the application and the other for your student ID.

Safety in Ronda

With a population of about approx. 50.000 inhabitants, Ronda provides a safe and friendly environment for foreign students. However some basic precautions should be taken to avoid uncomfortable situations:

- *- Keep an eye on your luggage, especially handbags, cameras, etc...
- *- Do not show large amounts of money in public places.
- *- Leave at your accommodation passport, credit cards and flight ticket if you are not going to use them.
- *- If you are living in an apartment, do not invite people you do not know well.

Again, use your common sense



We are waiting for you!



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