

Gap Year in Spain: Teach English & Learn Spanish

—
Enroll with TEFL Iberia and start your adventure
today.





BARCELONA

Welcome to your Year Abroad

At TEFL Iberia, we believe that the most successful people embrace new challenges, seek personal development, and thrive in unfamiliar environments. Our programs in Barcelona combine intensive Spanish courses, world-class teacher training, and immersive cultural experiences to help you get out of your comfort zone and grow.

Master Spanish with 10-20 hours of weekly lessons, building confidence in real-world situations and preparing for the internationally recognized DELE exam.

Gain transferable skills and college-level certification with the Trinity CertTESOL course, opening doors to guaranteed job interviews and teaching opportunities internationally.

Beyond the classroom, engage in daily cultural activities that foster intercultural awareness, lifelong connections, and a deeper understanding of yourself and the world. With visa assistance, comfortable accommodation, and ongoing support, we're with you every step of the way.

Return home with the confidence, skills, and memories to handle whatever comes next.

¡Nos vemos en Barcelona!

TEFL Iberia helps students thrive. Here's how:



Small Group Sizes

Our classes are limited to a maximum of 12 students, ensuring nobody gets lost in the crowd.



Professional Development

Take advantage of our job support service and earn a living during your time in Spain.



Internationally Recognized Qualifications

Not one but two certifications, in English teaching and Spanish language.



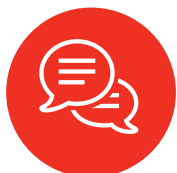
Accommodation & Visa Support

Share an apartment with your classmates and get full support with Spanish bureaucracy.



Dedicated Coordinator

You'll have access to and be in regular contact with a dedicated coordinator, who will be on hand to help you if you need it.



Become Fluent in Spanish

Take part in regular Spanish classes and go from complete beginner to proficient in under a year.



Fun Cultural Activities

Includes everything from paella cooking classes to flamenco shows to paddle boarding on the beach!





What Our **Alumni Say**



I'm in the final month of my program in Spain and I've absolutely loved it. I've made so many good friends, had countless new experiences and done things I didn't think I was able to do. I got a part-time job in a language academy and have taught groups of students English, and learned so much as I interacted with them. I'm also really pleased with how much Spanish I can speak, it's really opened up a whole new perspective for me.

Ciara, Ireland



Coming to Spain to do a gap year was one of the best decisions I ever made. The entire staff was so friendly and welcoming, and the classes were organised and super enjoyable. The location was also a great bonus! It was around a 5 minute walk to La Sagrada Familia, with many cafes and stores all around. I recommend this to anyone looking to spend time in Spain and learn Spanish.

Abhinav, USA



My experience taking part in the gap year program surpassed all expectations. The teachers were so knowledgeable and helpful and Kaitlin was always so friendly and quick to reply. I particularly appreciated the focus on practical speaking skills and now I feel much more confident communicating in Spanish. This course has opened my eyes to what is out there and I'm keen to come back after college.

Amy, USA

Earn A Globally Recognized English Teaching Qualification

The Trinity CertTESOL course is considered the most complete course for new English teachers and is recognized around the world. You'll be prepared and qualified to find work here in Barcelona, or wherever your travels may take you.



01

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Expert Instruction

Unlock advanced methodology tutorials, grammar and language awareness help, classroom management and other high-quality course content.

02

Guided Lesson Prep

Work with our experienced team to learn how to prepare effective lessons using the textbook and how to develop your own custom lesson plans from scratch.

03

Real Teaching Practice

In addition to standard coursework, we offer the chance to work with real students, then get valuable feedback from your peers and senior instructors.



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Spanish Courses

at TEFL Iberia

Key features of all of our courses

01

12 students
maximum per
group

02

Fun,
communicative,
practical classes

03

All levels,
beginner to
proficient

04

Native,
experienced
teachers



10-20 HOURS PER WEEK

You'll study for 10-20 hours per week, for up to nine months, during which time you will progress from beginner to proficient. There will also be regular planned study breaks and holidays, to keep you focussed and motivated.



REAL PRACTICE

You'll benefit from hands-on learning and real-world practice. Our practical approach ensures you're prepared to use Spanish naturally in everyday situations, whether at school, in social settings, or while exploring the city.



CULTURE

Go beyond textbooks and experience Spanish in action. From local festivals to everyday interactions, our courses integrate real-life cultural experiences. You'll learn not just the language, but the context, traditions, and customs that bring it to life.



FOCUS ON SPEAKING

We prioritize conversation and practical communication. Through fun speaking exercises, group discussions, and real-life scenarios, you'll quickly develop the confidence to speak Spanish fluently.

How Quickly **Will I Learn?**

Your Spanish level will align with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Use this table to estimate how long it typically takes to progress through each level.

	BEGINNER			
	A1.1	A1.2	A2.1	A2.2
20H/WEEK	2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS	2 WEEKS
10H/WEEK	4 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	4 WEEKS

	INTERMEDIATE			
	B1.1	B1.2	B2.1	B2.2
20H/WEEK	3 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	12 WEEKS
10H/WEEK	6 WEEKS	6 WEEKS	24 WEEKS	24 WEEKS

	ADVANCED			
	B1.1	B1.2	B2.1	B2.2
20H/WEEK	12 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	12 WEEKS
10H/WEEK	24 WEEKS	24 WEEKS	24 WEEKS	24 WEEKS



Cultural Activities

Get involved inside and outside of our classroom with our cultural activities. Our focus is on integration and understanding of 'real' Barcelona culture, which means less sangria and more castañas! We'll show you how locals really interact and how to connect with the culture through language.

Our social calendar is a mixture of all the fun and unique activities that Barcelona has to offer, as well as opportunities to interact with locals and participate in local cultural events. This can include authentic Spanish cooking classes, trips to the market, cheese tasting, open air cinema, beach yoga, flamenco dancing classes, weekend excursions, and more.



Choose Your Path

All our programs include the college-level **Trinity CertTESOL qualification** and the **DELE exam**, giving you an internationally recognized English teaching certification and Spanish language certification.

Our packages include the ultimate combination of international education, professional development and life-changing cultural experiences.

You'll gain a head start in life by immersing yourself in the diverse culture of Europe's most vibrant city, where you'll develop broad intercultural awareness, **learn how to communicate in Spanish**, get job interview practice and gain a college-level professional teaching certification. The Trinity CertTESOL is an internationally recognized certification that never expires!

You'll also learn how to live independently, create life-long friendships and connections, and above all, have a ton of fun along the way!





The Trailblazer: 3-Month Experience

- 5 weeks of English teacher training.
- 10 weeks of intensive Spanish classes (20 hours per week).
- Daily cultural activities.
- 4 weekend day-trips: Costa Brava, Montserrat, Girona, Tarragona.
- Spanish DELE exam and preparation.
- Accommodation in Barcelona, sharing with other students on the program.

Forge your path with teacher training, Spanish immersion, and daily cultural adventures. This package is perfect for those ready to explore, learn, and gain excellent transferable skills for college and your future career.

Full price: 8,235€
(\$8,700 approximately)

Does not include flights or daily meals.





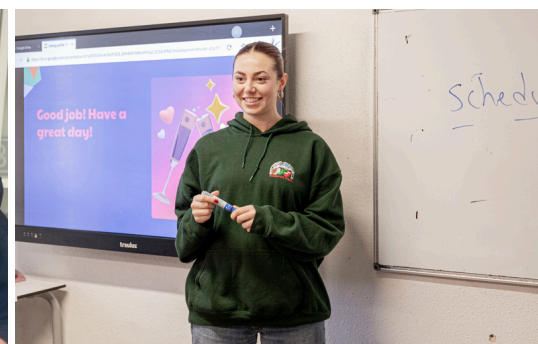
The Explorer: 6-Month Experience

- 5 weeks of English teacher training.
- 8 weeks of English teaching internship (8 hours per week).
- 20 weeks of semi-intensive Spanish classes (10 hours per week).
- Weekly cultural activities.
- 6 weekend day-trips: Costa Brava, Montserrat, Girona, Tarragona and more.
- Spanish DELE exam and preparation.
- Accommodation in Barcelona, sharing with other students on the program.

Combine teaching certification, Spanish learning, cultural discovery, and hands-on teaching practice. The Explorer equips you with language skills and real-world teaching experience to prepare you to thrive in college and future job opportunities.

Full price: 10,780€
(\$11,300 approximately)

Does not include flights or daily meals.





The Pioneer: 9-Month Experience

- 5 weeks of English teacher training.
- Guaranteed job interviews and placement support.
- 3 - 6 months of paid teaching work
- Weekly cultural activities.

Dive deep into professional development with teacher training, Spanish mastery, guaranteed job interviews, and paid teaching experience. Ideal for those ready to embrace a new culture & build lasting connections.

- 30 weeks of semi-intensive Spanish classes.
- Spanish DELE exam and preparation.
- 9 weekend day-trips.
- Accommodation in Barcelona, sharing with other students on the program.
- Visa & Spanish bureaucracy support.

Full price: 15,090€
(\$15,830 approximately)

Does not include flights or daily meals.





I have been taking Spanish classes at TEFL Iberia for a month, and I've learned so much! My teacher, Raquel, is so fun, engaging, and such a patient teacher. I feel like my knowledge has already improved so much through these weekly classes. I highly recommend these classes if you are wanting to improve your Spanish fluency!



Student Visas

Studying Spanish can qualify you for a long-term student visa. At TEFL Iberia, we have extensive experience guiding students through the Spanish student visa process, and aim to make the process as easy as possible.



Do I need a visa?

If you are not from the European Union and wish to stay in Spain for more than 90 days, you'll need a student visa.



What are the requirements?

To apply, you'll need to enroll in a course with at least 20 hours of study per week. Additionally, you'll require a valid passport, a criminal background check, a medical report, proof of financial support for your stay, medical insurance, and an invitation letter from our school. For a detailed guide on the process and requirements, contact us at coordination@tefl-iberia.com.



What are the benefits?

- Stay in Spain legally for up to a year, with the option to extend
- Travel freely within the Schengen area
- Work legally up to 30 hours per week
- Obtain your NIE (identity number) and access local services

Contact our coordination team at coordination@tefl-iberia.com for more information!

Accommodation

Safety and comfort are our top priority for your accommodation. All of our apartments are located within 30 minutes of the school, either by walking or public transport.



Share an apartment with your classmates

You'll have your own room in a shared apartment, normally with 3-4 bedrooms total. All apartments are fully equipped and ready to move in. You'll have space to study, bedding, privacy, wifi, use of all the kitchen and a shared bathroom.



Access to a resident assistant

To ensure your safety, each flat has a resident assistant. They are a few years older, speak Spanish and have lived in Barcelona for at least a year. They will be on hand for any immediate assistance you need at home.

FAQs

This is my first time living away from home on my own. Will I have support in case I am having a difficult time adjusting?

Yes! We understand that most of our students will be living away from home for the first time, and in a foreign country. While this is a very exciting time in your life, it can also be intimidating and challenging to navigate. With our 24/7 support line, dedicated coordinators for Gap Year students and mandatory orientation sessions, you can rest assured that you will not be in this alone!

Can I get college credit for my courses?

The short answer is it depends. The education system in the United States is very decentralized, and each University has its own set of rules for accepting international education for credit hours. That said - the DELE exam is awarded by the Instituto Cervantes on behalf of the Spanish Ministry of Education and Vocational Training. It is an official certificate that demonstrates your level of Spanish, which can in some cases be used to skip credit hours of language learning at University. As for the Trinity CertTESOL certificate, it truly depends on your University and if they will homologate the course hours into credits. Our staff is here to help you navigate this process should you need any support.

(Pioneer Program only) How much can I expect to earn teaching English in Barcelona?

On average, teachers earn about €15 an hour. On a long-term student visa, you can work up to 30 hours per week. However we do suggest working no more than 25, as we've seen that this is the sweet spot to earning a comfortable salary, and not overwhelming yourself!

I learned Latin American Spanish in high school. Is the Spanish taught in Spain very different?

No! Just like American English and British English, Latin American Spanish and "Spain" Spanish are the same language. One thing to keep in mind is that Spanish is often referred to as castellano, or castilian, in Spain instead of the more commonly used español in the United States and Latin America.

How old will my peers be?

Our gap year program is exclusively for young adults between the ages of 18-22. You will be amongst others that are in a similar stage of life to yourself, making it very easy to form lifelong friendships and close bonds.

Can I bring my pet?

While we love pets, we unfortunately cannot accommodate them in the student housing. Unfortunately there are no exceptions for emotional support animals.

How will I get around?

Public transportation, and walking! Don't worry about not having your car, Barcelona is extremely well connected with public transportation and very walkable.

I am Jewish. Is it safe for me in Spain with the current political climate? I'm worried about what I've seen on the news.

Yes. Barcelona is a cosmopolitan city that has a plethora of diversity of races and religions. Overall, people are quite open-minded and accepting in Barcelona and you should not be concerned about being discriminated against. In fact, there is a rich history of Judaism in Barcelona. Check out please visit [Shalom Barcelona](#) for more information.

Contact our coordination team at coordination@tefl-iberia.com for more information!



Meet the Team

Raquel Rojo, Academic Director

Raquel, a Barcelona native, is fluent in Spanish, Catalan and English. Driven by a deep passion for helping people from all backgrounds integrate into Spanish culture, she is committed to making every student's experience enriching and transformative.



Kaitlin Diaz, Admissions

Originally from New Jersey, Kaitlin has lived in Barcelona for two years. Passionate about helping others, she loves guiding students through their journey to Barcelona, ensuring they feel supported, confident, and excited about their adventure abroad.

Richard Davie, Director

Originally from Scotland, Richard fell in love with Barcelona and decided to make it his home. He set up TEFL Iberia in 2012 and since then has built a successful business running teacher training and language courses in Barcelona.



Claire Stancliffe, Program Manager

Claire is from England and has called Barcelona home for the past 10 years. With a natural talent for student support, she ensures every student feels welcomed, supported, and empowered to make the most of their time in Barcelona.

The **tefliberia** Story

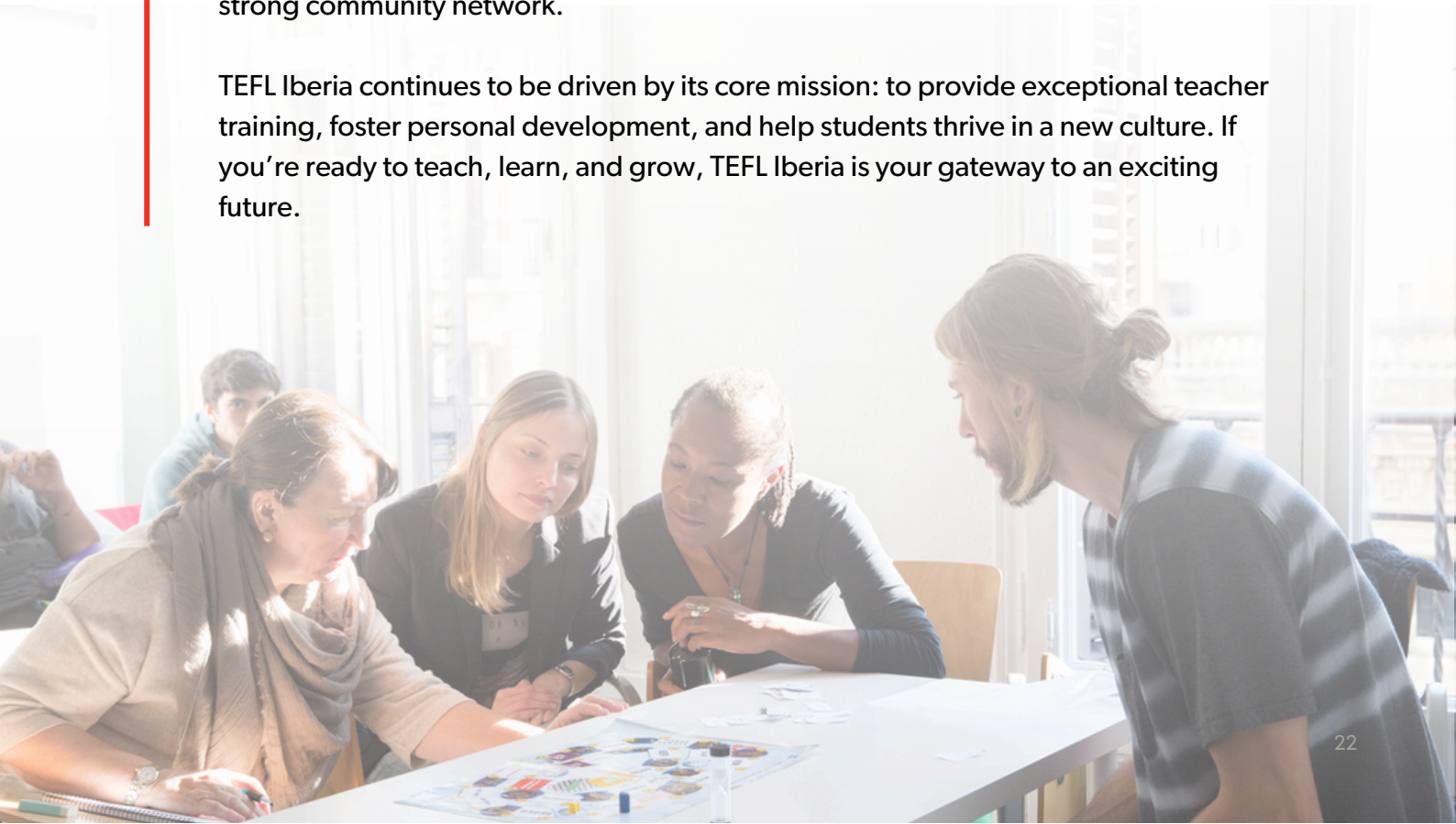
TEFL Iberia was founded in 2012 by Richard Davie, a graduate of Edinburgh University who came to Barcelona in search of adventure. What began as a simple journey quickly turned into a passion for teaching English and helping others find their own paths to success.

Motivated by a desire to make English teacher training accessible, enjoyable, and professional, Richard created TEFL Iberia to provide a world-class training experience in a supportive environment. The school's emphasis on small-group learning, modern facilities, and personalized support set it apart from the beginning.

TEFL Iberia's flagship course, the Trinity CertTESOL, is a college-level qualification accredited by Trinity College London. Since its inception, the school has trained thousands of teachers from over 60 countries, equipping them with transferable skills and the confidence to teach English professionally — whether in Spain or abroad.

Over the years, TEFL Iberia has evolved into more than just a teacher training center. With the addition of a variety of Spanish courses, students are now able to achieve Spanish fluency and earn the DELE qualification, enriching their experience in Barcelona. The program is further enhanced by cultural activities, job support, and a strong community network.

TEFL Iberia continues to be driven by its core mission: to provide exceptional teacher training, foster personal development, and help students thrive in a new culture. If you're ready to teach, learn, and grow, TEFL Iberia is your gateway to an exciting future.







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