

ENGLISH FOR US IN SPAIN

A SPECIAL PROJECT FOR SPECIAL STUDENTS

December 6th-17th 2023.



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General Information

Dates Dec 6th – 17th 2023
(to be confirmed)

Students will arrive in Madrid, Spain on Dec 7th and Will return to the US on Dec. 17th.



Purpose of the experience

This program is designed to provide students with a direct academic and professional immersion experience in Spain. It includes different hands-on activities with special education, hearing impaired, or autism spectrum students, lectures with professionals, workshops, round tables, and visits to various educational centers and institutions.

As part of the program students will also participate in the English For Us Christmas Camp where they will have the chance to meet and work directly with the special students that participate in our online English learning program.

Goals

The goal of the program to empower student's international and intercultural skills through a direct academic and professional immersion experience in Spain.

- In these two weeks, you will practice different approaches and how to work with special needs students and/or learning disabilities, focusing on learning and practicing of English language. You will run practice sessions, teach students, implement methodologies, or design materials to practice English and promote direct and effective communication and intercultural exchange.
- It includes hands-on activities with special education students (Down syndrome or mental retardation), hearing impaired, autism spectrum students, and other situations/conditions.
- You will also learn about the additional services and protocols professionals must follow in other countries and participate in lectures with professionals, workshops, round tables, and visits to various educational centers and institutions.
- You will participate in a crash course on Survival Spanish!



English For Us



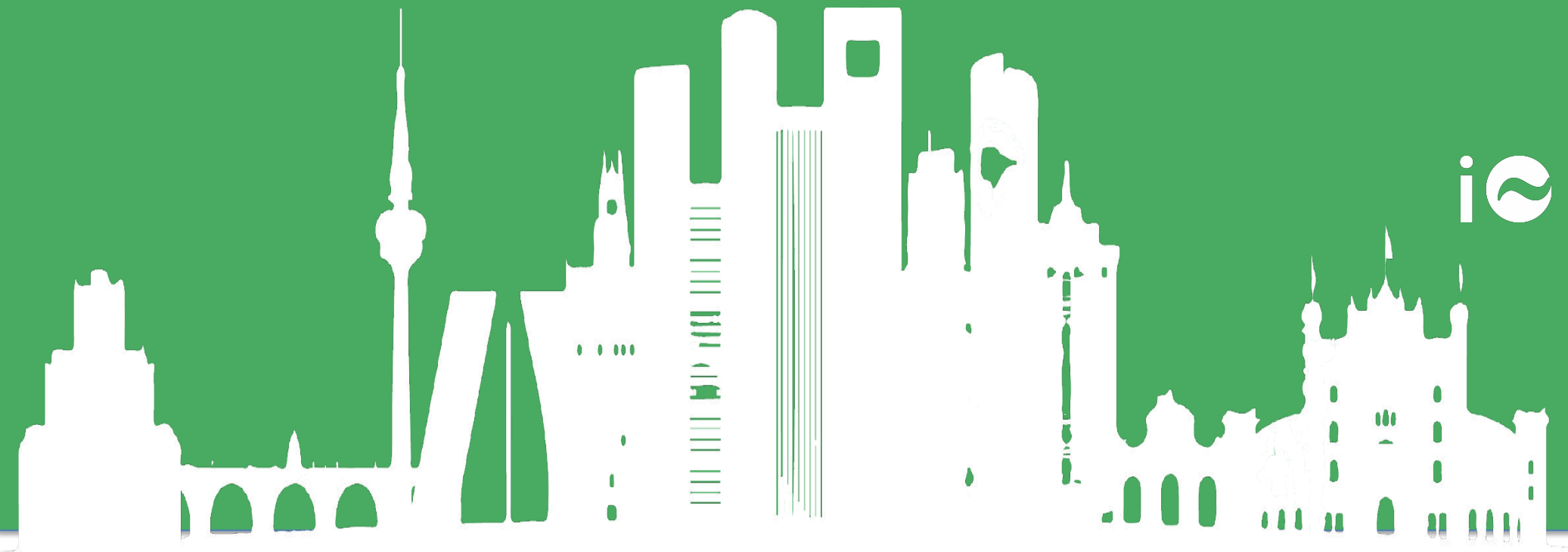
English For Us is a unique program specialized in teaching English as a second language to people with intellectual or learning disabilities (ID). Our goal is to make English accessible to all, provide students with opportunities to meet people and cultures across the world and enhance their self-esteem and motivation by promoting inclusion in school, at work, and, by extension, in society at large.

This project began in the summer of 2020 when we opened our first international virtual classroom for eight ID students. During the pandemic, our group traveled virtually to the United States through synchronous English classes taught by professors from PennWest University-Clarion.

Today we serve about one hundred students with many different conditions, different ages, and levels of English all throughout Spain.



Madrid



Welcome to Madrid

Madrid, one of Europe's largest, cosmopolitan, and dynamic cities. It is home to the Spanish central government, administration, and many national and international advocacy institutions and organizations.

Madrid is a friendly multicultural city with excellent public transport, beautiful parks, stores, restaurants, and music from all over the world. It has a long historical, artistic, and cultural tradition where past and present coexist in harmony. The city hosts some of the most prestigious museums in Europe, such as the Prado, the Thyssen, and the Reina Sofia.

Come and enjoy with us!



Accommodation

The Apart-Hotel Serrano Recoletos is located in the heart of the city, close to Colón Square, right by the National Library and the National Archeological Museum, and five minutes from Retiro Park. It is a privileged enclave surrounded by the best sites and monuments, such as Casa América, Plaza de Cibeles, or Barrio de las Letras.

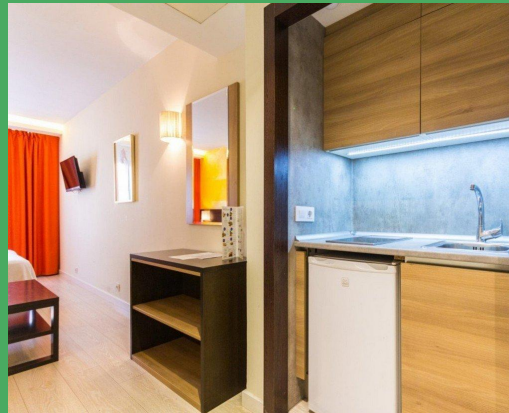
Madrid is a very safe place with excellent public transportation, plenty of restaurants, cafes, theaters, and music clubs where to enjoy city life.



Room & Board

You will stay in a modern student residence in an excellent location in town. Students will stay in double rooms, although single rooms are available at an extra cost. The rooms (double/single) are fully equipped with a bathroom and a small kitchen, wardrobes, air conditioning/ heat, and free wifi.

You don't need to bring your linen or towels. You will also have one meal a day, either lunch or dinner, depending on the daily schedule. If you have any dietary condition that we need to be aware of, you should indicate that in your application.



SERVICES

General services

- 24-hour front desk services
- Free WIFI on site
- Air conditioning/ heating
- Self-service laundry facilities
- Room cleaning (does not include kitchen or dishes)
- Sheets and towels included

The Rooms

- Kitchenette / fridge
- Accessories and utensils:
 - Microwave, crockery, coffee machine
 - Safe deposit box
- Hair dryer
- Iron/ironing board (on request)
- Worktable



Palacio de Santoña

Our working sessions, roundtables, meetings and Spanish Classes will take place at the exclusive Palacio de Santoña in one of the most popular neighborhoods in the city.

Sessions will be held in the Partners Club, fully equipped with audiovisual equipment and Wi-Fi.



The experience at a glance.

The program includes activities throughout the week and on weekends.

- During the week, you will participate in and lead various hands-on activities providing speech & language English practice in different schools, institutions, and organizations that work with students with Special needs/learning disabilities and in English instruction.
- During the weekends, you will participate in cultural activities with students from the English for Us Program, where we will learn from the US and Spain cultures and traditions. The first weekend we will plan on a two-day Christmas Camp outside the city, and the second weekend, we will explore Madrid through cultural activities and games.
- In the afternoon, we will catch up with our Crash Spanish course and enjoy cultural activities.
- Still, we will have time to enjoy the beauty of Madrid, participate in cultural visits and excursions, and have some free time to explore.



Preliminary Schedule

| TRIP | ENGLISH FOR US | | | | |
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| DATES | Dec. 6 th -17 th | | | | |
| Wed., 6 th | | | Departure Flight | | |
| Thursday, 7 th | Accommodation – Christmas Camp | | | ORIENTATION | |
| Friday, 8 th | PREPARATIONS for the English for Us Christmas Camp | | | CHRISTMAS CAMP | |
| Saturday, 9 th | CHRISTMAS CAMP | CHRISTMAS CAMP | | CHRISTMAS CAMP | |
| Sunday, 10 th | CHRISTMAS CAMP | Return to Madrid and housing the dorms | | TOUR OF THE CITY & lights | |
| Monday, 11 th | PROMENTOR – Universidad Autonoma | | COMIDA | English class | Free time |
| Tuesday, 12 th | MARIA CORREDENTORA | | COMIDA | Tour of Madrid – Christmas Market in Plaza Mayor | Visit to Botanical Gardens: Light Show |
| Wed, 13 th | GAUDEM (Inclusive School for the Deaf) | | COMIDA | VISIT TO PRODIS | |
| Thursday, 14 th | COCFE – workshop | | COMIDA | VISIT TO EL PRADO | |
| Friday, 15 th | Areteia School | | COMIDA | Walking tour of the Royal Palace and Old Madrid. Christmas Market in Plaza España | |
| Saturday, 16 th | Gymkhana in Madrid (English for Us Activity) | | | Watching a Christmas Movie Together | Goodbye Dinner Party |
| Sunday, 17 th | Departure to the US | | | | |



Cost of the program

The cost of the program is \$ 3.500.

What is included

- Pre-departure coordination & support
- Group flight booking
- Health insurance
- 24-hour local support staff
- Airport pick-up/drop-off
- Local transportation
- Accommodation in full furnished apartments
- One meal/day
- Orientation
- All professional, cultural & English for Us activities
- Crash Spanish Class
- Two One-day Trips (Segovia & Toledo)
- Walking tours of the city
- Good-bye Dinner
- Diploma and participation

What is NOT included



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- Airfare (US/Spain and back)
- Passports (required).
- Personal expenses & personal travel
- Breakfast / dinner (all apartments offer a full kitchen & utensils, there are supermarkets around the area, Uber deliveries and plenty of restaurants. Lunch will be provided.

Dates, Deadlines & Payments

Dates: December 6th – 17th, 2023.

Deadlines:

- Application for the program is open. Scan the code and apply.
- You can apply anytime.
- Upon acceptance candidates should pay a \$200 nonrefundable deposit to secure their spot.
- Full payment must be made by October 20th.

Payments:

- You can pay by credit card or by wire transfer. You will receive a secure link to process your payment online.
- You can also choose to schedule your payments in three installments.
- Full payment must be made by October 20th.

Application Form :



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More info

Collaborating Institutions



CÁTEDRA
sobre Inclusión Sociolaboral de
Personas con Discapacidad Intelectual



Professional Program

School visits and associations

Promentor



Students will get to know the Prodis Project firsthand and meet and work directly with some students they have been teaching online.

We will visit the school María Corredentora, pioneers in educating special needs students, and Spanish and European references in developing speech, reading, and writing methodologies.

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid & Prodis developed the Program Promentor, the first university program adapted to people with intellectual disabilities. With more than 15 years of existence, Promentor has established itself as a national and international reference, and currently, the model has extended to 17 universities in Spain.

English for Us & PennWest University have been working with Promentor students since 2020.



Fundación Prodis

We will also visit the Prodis Project and meet the students that work and study there.

The PRODIS Foundation has been working in a new model of Occupational Center since 2011, committed to offering adapted, well-rounded, inclusive training to users with intellectual disabilities.

Since the beginning, the model has focused on the personal and professional development of the people, as well as the improvement of their quality of life and that of their families.

The Occupational Center offers three itineraries adapted to the participant's needs and expectations. All programs provide a comprehensive approach integrating the professional, personal, and social development of each one of the participants.



Colegio Areteia



Colegio Areteia was founded more than 40 years ago to create an inclusive school that would empower every student to develop their potential. It is a school where every student has a personal development plan.

Established to offer quality education to students with learning disabilities from the beginning, the school provides specific services, resources, and support to students diagnosed with ADD, ADHD, dyslexia, and Asperger's, among others. The school has a unique methodology developed by a specialized interdisciplinary team that supervises the student every step of the way.



Colegio Gaudem

Colegio Gaudem School is a bilingual, private school committed to inclusive education and offering specific programs for the hearing impaired. A unique educational project where all special needs students and ordinary students are part of the community. Celebrating diversity through their multilingual project, students combine the learning of English with the use of Spanish Sign Language in their everyday school life.



C.R.L. Rehabilitation Clinic

The C.R.L. Rehabilitation Clinic is a private clinic located in the heart of Madrid.

It specializes in different areas of Speech therapy, including phoniatrics, speech therapy, neuropsychology, physiotherapy, early intervention, and occupational therapy.

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It began its activity in 1972, and for more than 40 years, the number of specialties has been growing to offer comprehensive treatment and cover any type of pathology in this area. Today the C.R.L. team comprises 50 specialists who attend to more than 1,500 patients per year, both children and adults.



COCEMFE

COCEMFE was founded in 1980 to achieve the full inclusion and active participation of people with physical and organic disabilities in all areas of society. Since then, they have brought together more than 80 organizations throughout Spain working towards the inclusion, empowerment, and defense of people with disabilities.

Today is a highly recognized organization widely recognized for its values and leadership in exercising people's rights and social change, generating a positive impact on society.

English for Us has been collaborating with COCEMFE since 2022.



COCEMFE

WASLP



The World Association of Speech Therapists (WASLP) is the organization that brings together professional speech therapists in an international, global space and develops or helps to promote the science of speech therapy in all its aspects.

The WASLP's aim in general is the investigation and generation of knowledge in the field of speech therapy and the passing on of same.

To this end, training and innovation are an essential part of the organization, bearing in mind the global environment and the type of society in which we live, a society based on knowledge and the digital era.

The WASLP has the central offices in Madrid.

Christmas Camp & Weekend Activities With English for Us

Christmas Camp.



**CHRISTMAS.
CAMP**

DECEMBER 2023

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**LEARNING ABOUT CHRISTMAS
TRADITIONS IN SPAIN AND THE US**

**WE WILL PRACTICE ENGLISH THROUGH
ACTIVITIES, GAMES, SINGING
CHRISTMAS CAROLS, COOKING, AND MANY
MORE THINGS!**

 DEC. 8TH -10TH, 2023

 PROGRAM TO BE DETERMINED

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Cultural Program

City Tours, Museums and Excursions

City Tours: Royal Palace

ROYAL PALACE

Home to the Kings of Spain from Charles III to Alfonso XIII, Madrid's Royal Palace takes us on a journey through the history of Spain.

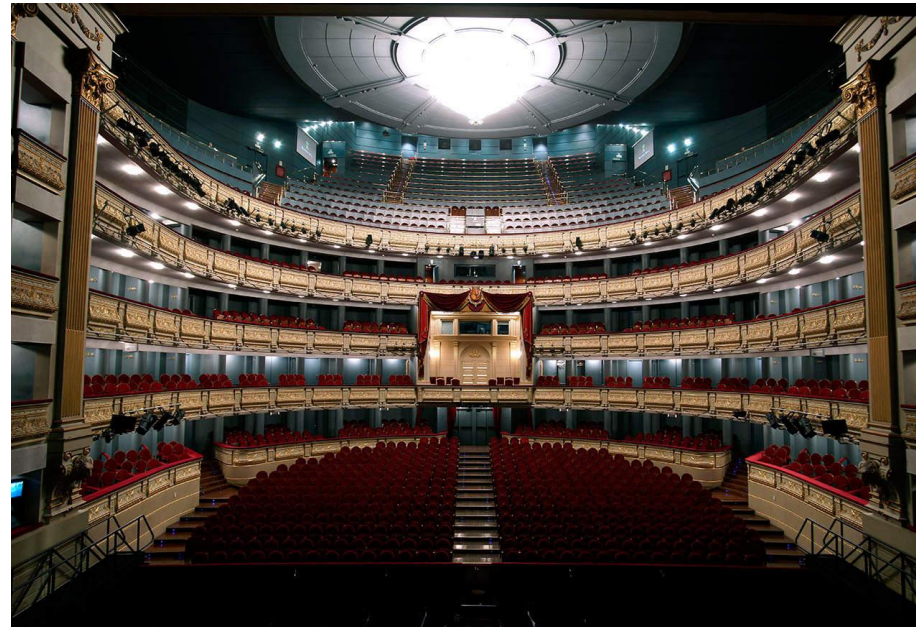
Though it is no longer the royal family's home, it continues to be their official residence. [Learn more](#)



ROYAL THEATER

Madrid's opera house, designed by the architect Antonio López Aguado during the reign of Queen Isabella II, was inaugurated in 1850. Located near Puerta del Sol, the building is one of Europe's leading theatres today.

[Learn more](#)



Touring 16th Century Madrid

MADRID DE LOS AUSTRIAS

Madrid de los Austrias was the name given to the oldest part of the city during the reign of the Habsburgs, known in Spain as the Casa de Austria (hence Austrias). It comprises the area of central Madrid around Plaza Mayor and into the beautiful tapas bar-heavy neighborhood of La Latina. Discover some hidden plazas and cultural gems on our walking tour of Madrid de los Austrias..



PLAZA MAYOR

Begin the walking tour on the Plaza Mayor, Madrid's 400-year-old central square. Check out the illustrations surrounding each lamppost and accompanying bench, which depict the plaza's rich history, from trials during the Spanish Inquisition to bullfights, concerts and markets.

Walk down the steps leading from the plaza's south-west corner (pictured below), through the Arco de Cuchilleros, which will take you onto Calle Cava de San Miguel.



Prado Museum



PRADO MUSEUM

The Prado is home to works by some of the Spanish Golden Age leading painters including Ribera, Zurbarán, Murillo, and the great Velázquez, whose masterpieces *Las Meninas* and *The Seamstresses* hang here.

In the Goya galleries you'll find an array of works by the great artist, from the tapestry cartoons he made for the Royal Tapestry Factory to the Black Paintings he painted on the walls of his house La Quinta del Sordo (Deaf-Man's Villa).

[Learn more](#)

El Retiro Park & City Lights

EL RETIRO PARK

The Retiro Park or simply El Retiro is one of the largest parks of the city. Built in the 18th Century as a private residence to the monarchs until the late 19th century, when it became a public park. In its grounds are gardens, statues, monuments, galleries, an artificial lake, and venues which host a variety of events. Today it is madrileños favorite spot, walking around the park, enjoying the music shows on Sunday is the best way to relax and spend time with Friends.



CITY LIGHTS

Each street has lights of different design and colors to project a kind of individual identity and variety. From tree branches and raindrops stretching across massive avenues to small delicate shapes hanging over those small cobbled streets, the magic is everywhere! But it doesn't stop there! Many of the major plazas in the city center have breathtaking Christmas trees and decorations. The lights are designed and constructed by a team of architects and fashion designers with a goal to create an energy efficient, environmentally conscious, magical atmosphere for the people of Madrid.



Botanical Gardens



The Botanical Garden's was built in the late 18th century to house the Museum of Natural History. Its scientific spirit is alive, and today stills offers all kind of educational activities such as conferences and exhibits.

The gardens offer a collection of plants, trees and fruits from all over the work. In Christmas time it offer a beautiful light show.

Excursions: Toledo & Segovia



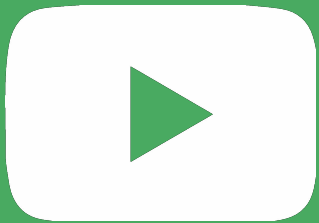
As part of your experience in Madrid, you will also enjoy plenty of activities, including museum visits, guided tours of the city, and events, and enjoy Spanish and international food!

The program includes two one-day excursions designed to help students familiarize themselves with Spain's rich history, art, architecture, and culture.

During your stay, you will visit Toledo and Segovia, two of the oldest and most popular cities in Spain .



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