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HUESCA INTERNATIONAL



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Those who have had the chance to see the Earth from space say that the feeling defies words, so beautiful is it, and such brilliant colours.

The huge green expanse of the Amazon can be seen from up there, along with the deep blue patches of the oceans and the high mountain peaks.

The future of our planet, hard hit by myriad outside forces, lies with the young people, the sensitivity and creativity they show in recovering the beauty of the world, and their awareness when transforming it into a brilliant world of green.

A Green World



What is HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP ?



It is an immersion language course, where young children and teenagers between the ages of 6 and 16 can learn or improve their Spanish while enjoying a full programme of activities that promote care and respect for the environment.

Our aim is to make learning Spanish into a fun and rewarding experience. We know that children respond more easily to the language when it is presented in its natural context and they can use Spanish in communicative situations. They enjoy learning Spanish because they feel they are taking an active part in the process, practising it in situations that relate to their daily lives and personal interests.

This is a wonderful holiday where students listen to, speak and live Spanish in class, at mealtimes, in the workshops, at the swimming-pool, on trips, during sports, on outings, in the evenings... the whole day long.

In July, they will be living together with Spanish children.

HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP is carefully designed to offer each participant individual treatment in their language needs to enable them to progress in learning Spanish, plus personalised attention to help them adapt while making the most of a full programme of organised activities. All the above will ensure the highest standards of quality, safety, learning and fun.



Where we are **HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP**

HUESCA, ARAGÓN, CENTRAL PYRENEES, SPAIN

HUESCA is situated in the north of Spain near the Central Pyrenees and is the capital of Alto Aragón. It offers a variety of tourist attractions and first class leisure activities. Within easy reach is a wide range of exciting things to do, peace, relaxation, adventure, culture, nature, history and the fine character of the people of Aragón. The rich cultural heritage, the amazing beauty of the scenery of contrasts, from the mountains of the Pyrenees to the desert of Monegros, quality cuisine, cultures that takes in everything from the most modern back to the preservation of ancestral traditions, and magnificent opportunities for sport and adventure, make Huesca into a true paradise for tourists at the gateway to Europe.

It can easily be reached by road, rail or from the airports of Zaragoza, Barcelona, Madrid, Lerida, Pamplona and Pau. If arriving by road, the N330 dual carriageway joins Huesca with Zaragoza and the rest of the country. The bus station runs regular services to the main provincial capitals in Spain: Zaragoza, Madrid, Barcelona, Lérida, Pamplona, etc. The RENFE station has several trains running daily to Zaragoza, Madrid (AVE high-speed), Valencia and Teruel; and Zaragoza airport is just 30 minutes away. There is plenty of accommodation of all types, with over 45,000 beds in various kinds of hotel and hostel.



Facilities at the I.E.S. Pirámide HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP



The main facilities at HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP are at the Pirámide High School, 3 kilometres outside the town of Huesca on the dual carriageway leading to Zaragoza.

The centre covers 30 hectares with large sports areas, trees, and teaching and residential zones of about 15,000 sq. mt.

You can lose all notion of time when going for peaceful walks in the woods, looking round the botanical gardens, going jogging, cycling, playing football, basketball, skating, swimming in the pool and, at the end of the day, relaxing in a comfortable hall of residence.

- Classrooms holding 20 students each. Equipped with TV, CD system, VHS Video and DVD.
- IT classrooms with 16 computers connected to the Internet, with combination player.
- Library holding 200 students, equipped with computers and for Internet searches.
- Audiovisual room holding 50 students.
- TV rooms.
- The Pirámide building has an auditorium holding 700 people, with public address system and cinema projector.
- Games room.
- Sports centre.
- Football fields.
- Tennis courts.
- Basketball courts.
- Frontón court.
- Climbing wall.
- Athletics track.
- Skating rink.
- Swimming pool.
- Greenhouse.
- Botanical garden.
- A 300-place dining room.
- A modern hall of residence with 190 places.



Accommodation HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP



The hall of residence has single and double rooms for 190 people. Students are separated according to age and sex.

- The hall of residence has two separate wings with two or three floors, plus a ground floor lobby.
- There is a paging and telephone service (internal and coin-operated).
- All the rooms face outwards, and have a bed, desk, wardrobe, shelves and wash-basin.
- The rooms are grouped round corridors. Each corridor has its own shower-rooms and WCs. The bathrooms are shared.



Day camp HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP Non-residential

From Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 19:00.

Children between 6 and 8 years old can only choose this option.

Older children can opt for the residential or the non-residential programme.



Methodology HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP

Learning a foreign language is a necessity in modern society, and therefore is a basic part of everyone's education. A foreign language also contributes to the integral development of all children and teenagers.

Our programmes do not propose so much to teach a language as to be able to communicate in it. Our methodology consists in making Spanish the medium for communication, not only during lessons in the classroom, but also, most particularly, during the various activities held throughout the day. Our aim is to enable students to have a pleasurable and fun experience in Spanish.

Our programmes follow the lines of the latest research from the Council of Europe and the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment.



Classes HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP

The Spanish programme consists of 30 hours of class per week divided between the classroom and workshop sessions, also given in Spanish.

The classes are taught by qualified native teachers, and the workshops are taken by Spanish monitors specialising in sports, the environment and leisure activities.

The teaching subjects centre on the students' interests and is focused towards developing their communicative language skills. Classes are dynamic and everyone joins in.

The average number per class is eight. Small classes ensure personal attention and high-quality teaching.

Students take a placement test to find out their level so that we can organise classes with students of equal age and language skills.

Staff HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP

The management at HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP has long experience in training, with particular interest in education, especially of languages, and a close contact with children and teenagers.

These are the determining factors in taking care that our programmes can offer all students really personal attention, both for their language needs, so that they progress in learning Spanish, and helping them to adapt so that they can make the most of the organised activities. And parents have no need to worry.

All the members of our team have excellent qualifications, both personal and professional, for the work that they do. They have been chosen because of their dedication and attention to our students, ensuring that their stay is quite unforgettable, and having their welfare at heart.

The students are always under the careful supervision of the programme managers, the teachers, who are specialists in teaching Spanish to children and teenagers, and the monitors, who are available to the students 24 hours per day. Our priority is to provide a safe, high-quality service.



The management of the HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP is structured into Head of Studies, Coordination of Activities and Welfare.



The **HEAD OF STUDIES** is responsible for the design and follow-up of the Academic course and ensuring that each student learns as much Spanish as possible.

The **ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR** designs and develops the full programme of activities and workshops where the Spanish taught in class is put into practice. These take into account the age and interests of those taking part.

The **WELFARE MANAGER** is present at all times to offer support where needed, and also ensures that everyone integrates well and feels at home on the course.

The **TEACHERS** are native and qualified. They are experienced at working with children and teenagers, and have all the resources to motivate participants on a summer course with classes that they will find dynamic and fun. They always have the students' best interests at heart and follow each one up individually.

The **MONITORS** are Spanish and specialists in carrying out sports, leisure and socio-cultural activities for children and teenagers.

They have the experience and awareness to understand and help participants in all aspects of their stay.

All the staff at HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP take on a personal commitment to each of the students, to make sure that they learn and have fun in safe and healthy surroundings.

Sample of a Week's Programming HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP



Sample of a day's programming HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:20	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00	CLASES DE ESPAÑOL	CLASES DE ESPAÑOL	CLASES DE ESPAÑOL	CLASES DE ESPAÑOL	CLASES DE ESPAÑOL	Adventure Park	Excursion
12:00	Swimming pool	Swimming pool	Swimming pool	Swimming pool	Swimming pool		
13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	PIC NIC	PIC NIC
15:00	TALLERES Recycling	TALLERES Theatre	TALLERES Producing videos / blogs	TALLERES Renewable energy	TALLERES Bio-circuit		
	Sandwich	Sandwich	Sandwich	Sandwich	Sandwich	Swimming pool	Swimming pool
18:00	DEPORTES Baseball, softball	DEPORTES Tennis, frontón	DEPORTES Field races	DEPORTES Athletics	DEPORTES Alternative sports		
19:30	Shower	Shower	Shower	Shower	Shower	Shower	Shower
20:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
20:30	ACTIVIDAD DE NOCHE Camping games	ACTIVIDAD DE NOCHE International Olympics	ACTIVIDAD DE NOCHE Night orienteering	ACTIVIDAD DE NOCHE Treasure hunt	ACTIVIDAD DE NOCHE Spanish Fiesta	ACTIVIDAD DE NOCHE Talent show	ACTIVIDAD DE NOCHE Disco & Karaoke
22:30 - 23:30	¡A DORMIR! Good night!	¡A DORMIR! Good night!	¡A DORMIR! Good night!	¡A DORMIR! Good night!	¡A DORMIR! Good night!	¡A DORMIR! Good night!	¡A DORMIR! Good night!

- 08:00 h. **Buenos días.**
Get up, wash and tidy your room.
- 08:20 h. A good **desayuno** before starting a very busy day.
- 09:00 h. **Clase de español.**
You learn structures and vocabulary needed to be able to communicate in Spanish.
- 10:00 h. **Clase de español.**
Spanish culture workshop: You find out about festivals, customs and traditions in Spain.
- 11:00 h. **Clase de español.**
Conversation and oral comprehension. Use of Spanish.
You will work on a project on "Ecology in everyday life"
- 12:00 h. **Piscina y deporte.**
You can have a dip in the pool and play sports: water polo, tennis, frontón, baseball...
- 13:30 h. **La comida.**
Wash your hands. It's lunchtime! You must clean your teeth afterwards.
- 14:30 h. **Communication time** (mobile phones, e-mails, letters...).
Ping-pong, darts, chess and board-game tournaments...
- 15:00 h. **Talleres on the environment.**
You will learn about renewable energy, you will make a terrarium, recycle paper, make soap, do experiments...
- 17:00 h. Time for a **bocadillo.**
Taller on IT.
You can post your day's experiences up on the camp blog.
- 18:00 h. **Piscina y deporte.**
You can go back to the pool to improve your swimming technique and practice diving.
Afterwards, you can choose between orienteering or field races.
- 19:30 h. La **ducha.**
- 20:00 h. A nutritious **cena** to restore your strength, in the company of our monitors. In Spanish, please!
- 20:45 h. **Actividades de noche.**
Games and camp songs, films, karaoke, races, fancy dress party, treasure hunt, meet the stars, talent competition...
- 22:30-23:30 h. **¡Buenas noches!**

¡A dormir!



Activities HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP



These are samples from the programme describing some of the workshops, sports, activities and excursions offered by HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP.

All the activities are adapted to the different age levels of students.

WORKSHOPS

1. Environmental workshops

We do activities on environmental education to encourage an attitude of care and respect for the environment. Students go outdoors into nature to find out more about it, and learn to enjoy and value it.

Water cycle workshop

What can you do to save water and reduce water pollution?

You become aware of the importance of water to our lives and the life of our planet, and become responsible for using water reasonably and taking care of its environment.

You will carry out fun scientific experiments, build a terrarium to find out how the water cycle works, make a rain stick which copies the sound of falling water, learn how the clouds and frost, the wind and waves form, you will purify water...

Renewable energy workshop

Where does the energy that we use every day come from? Will it come to an end? What can we do to prevent our use of energy creating pollution?

By answering these questions, you will become aware of the importance of efficient use of energy to prevent our planet from being destroyed.

You will build a wind sock, a small kite, a sun-dial or water clock...

Recycling workshop

Where will our rubbish go if we don't recycle it?

What can we do to reduce the amount of rubbish we produce?

We can contribute to protecting the environment by making use of solid waste that you can make into useful objects by using a little creativity.

You will recycle paper, make soap by re-using vegetable oils, you will make eco-presents, disguises and decorations...

2. Nature study class

- Nature study class on animal species.

Bio-circuit: where they are in the surroundings.

- Nature study class on trees and plants.

Bio-circuit: where they are in the surroundings.

- Training young naturalists.

Knowing what to take in your backpack, suitable clothes and shoes and keeping a field notebook.

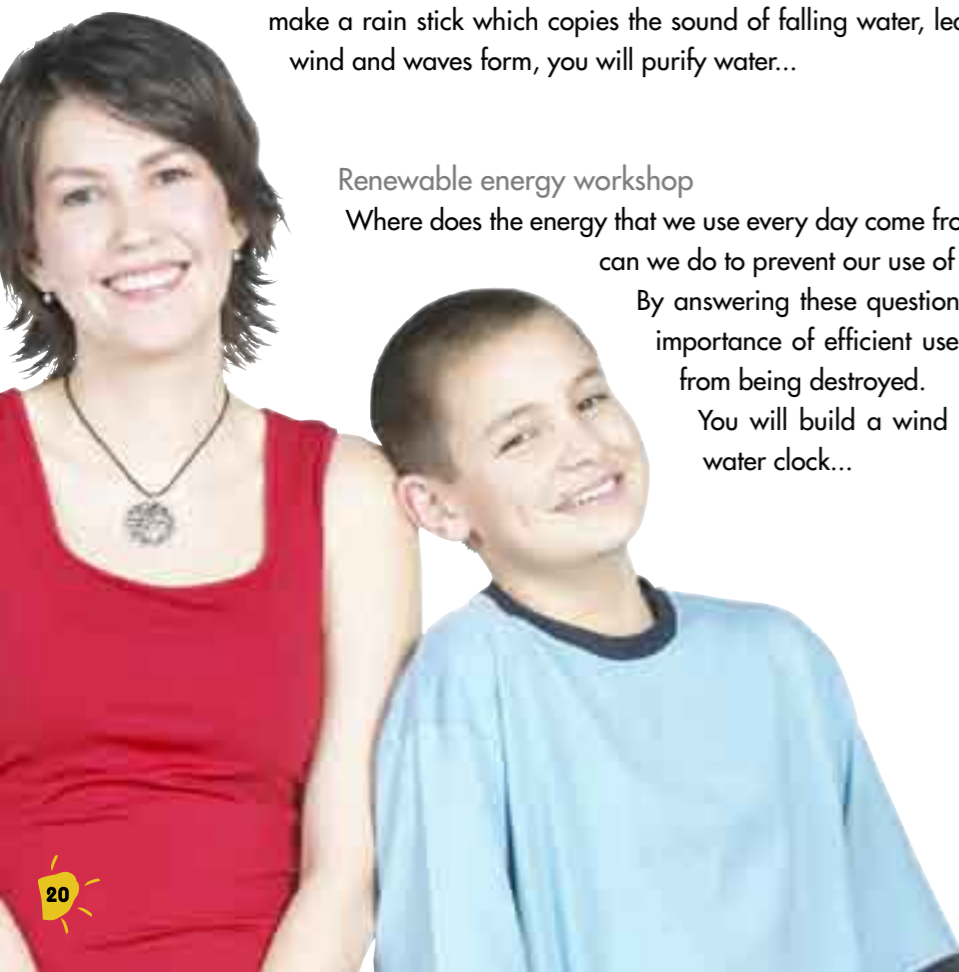
3. IT workshop. Making the camp blog

In the IT workshops, you will surf through the fascinating world of Information and Communications Technology.

You will keep a daily blog of the camp describing your experiences.

4. Other workshops

Producing videos, theatre, dance and choreography, board games, juggling, Arts & Crafts...



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SPORTS

Water activities in the swimming-pool

- Swimming techniques, diving techniques, scuba diving, water games...
- Water polo: special swimming techniques, floating, ball control...
- Life saving: learning all about rescue techniques, special swimming techniques, holding, towing, how to escape from a whirlpool...

Various sports

In the extensive outdoor sports facilities, you will be able to do any number of sports, from the point of physical health (warming-up, stretching...) to promoting participation and team spirit: badminton, basketball, handball, volleyball, football, baseball, rugby, hockey, tennis, fronton, gymnastics, aerobics, athletics, ping-pong, bowls, darts, races, alternative sports...

Sport in nature

Orienteering activities in the woods around the centre, based on searching in teams, working with maps and compass, various signposts and elements placed around the site, from clues given by the monitor, within a limited time.

OUTINGS AND EXCURSIONS

ADVENTURE SPORTS in the La Gabarda Adventure Park

In magnificent natural surroundings, you will have a real adventure using nets, Tyrolean traverse, rope ladders, wooden bridges, lianas, abseiling, walkways and cables, ending up with a refreshing dip in the pool.

Excursions

In order to enjoy the natural, cultural and artistic resources in the province of Huesca, we organise excursions to explore castles, such as Loarre and Montearagón, visit the old water mill at Yeste or handcrafted textiles at the textile workshop in Triste, go walking in the Mallos de Riglos and Agüero, watch birds in the Sierra de Guara Nature Reserve, or marvel at the landscape in Piracés.

Guided tour of Huesca

You will go round the old town up to the Town Hall, where the picture of the Bell of Huesca hangs, while listening to an explanation of the event, which is part history- part legend. Next, you will visit the Bell of Huesca room in the Provincial Museum, where you can also take a journey through the history of the art of Alto Aragon, from pre-history to the 20th century, and you can also walk through the beautiful central garden.

CDAN Centre for Art and Nature.

You can visit museums during a guided tour specially designed for us by the Centre for Art and Nature, and end with a workshop where you will create your own "works of art".

EVENING ACTIVITIES

The fun continues after dinner. Every evening there is a different activity:

Traditional camping games
Treasure hunt
Films
Night races
Night games
Fancy-dress party

Camp songs
Disco and karaoke
Line dancing
Night Orienteering
International Olympics
Talent Show
... and a Spanish Fiesta



Sample menu HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP



	DESAYUNO	COMIDA	MERIENDA	CENA
Monday	Milk, cereals, biscuits Jam and butter Cold meat. Fruit	Lentil soup Ham & cheese toasted sandwich with chips. Fruit	Chocolate spread sandwich	Fresh vegetables Fried fish with lettuce Yoghurt
Tuesday	Milk, cereals, biscuits Jam and butter Cold meat. Fruit	Cuban rice Garlic chops and chips Yoghurt	Cheese sandwich	Vegetable purée Fried egg, chips and sausage Fruit
Wednesday	Milk, cereals, biscuits Jam and butter Cold meat. Fruit	Runner beans and potato Meatballs in tomato sauce Fruit	York ham sandwich	Chicken noodle soup Baked fish in parsley sauce Yoghurt
Thursday	Milk, cereals, biscuits Jam and butter Cold meat. Fruit	Macaroni Bolognese Roast chicken with lettuce Ice cream	Mortadella sandwich	Gazpacho Spanish omelette Fruit
Friday	Milk, cereals, biscuits Jam and butter Cold meat. Fruit	Summer salad Paella Crème caramel	Salami sandwich	Vegetable soup Hamburgers with lettuce and chips Fruit
Saturday	Milk, cereals, biscuits Jam and butter Cold meat. Fruit	Mixed starters Lamb stew Fruit	Chopped pork sandwich	Vegetable purée Fried fish Yoghurt
Sunday	Chocolate and churros	PICNIC Omelette sandwich Meat sandwich Ice cream	Tuna sandwich	Summer salad Pizza Fruit



General information HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP



Clothes and items that children should bring with them

Toilet bag with

- shower gel and sponge
- shampoo and comb
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- 1 face towel and 1 shower towel
- any other product normally used in personal hygiene

For the swimming pool

- 1 beach towel
- 2 swimsuits
- 1 pair plastic sandals
- goggles, if sensitive to chlorine
- ear plugs, if usually used
- life jacket for those who cannot swim
- insect repellent
- cream to soothe insect bites
- HIGH FACTOR SUN CREAM

Footwear

- 2 pairs of trainers

Clothes

- 2 pairs of pyjamas
- 7 sets of underwear
- 7 pairs of socks
- 4 T-shirts or polo shirts
- 4 pairs of shorts
- 2 pair long trousers
- 2 sweater shirts or long-sleeved jerseys
- 1 rain jacket

Other articles to bring

- cloth bag for dirty clothes (all clothes must be tagged)
- exercise books and all writing equipment
- torch and canteen
- plastic cup
- writing paper, envelopes (pre-addressed, for the younger ones) and stamps
- health card / medical insurance card

Articles that students must not bring

Audio and video equipment, electronic games, any type of food and valuable items.

Articles students may bring

- camera
- binoculars
- mobile phone
- musical instrument
- tennis racquet
- roller skates

Please try to keep to the suggested list

It contains everything your children need and it makes keeping the room tidy and the laundry service much easier.

The organisers cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage to items belonging to the students. For this reason, it is recommended not to bring articles of value that may get lost or broken.



Safety

The safety of your child is our prime concern, and this is proved in our programmes through the work, effort and continuous supervision by a fine team of professionals from the moment of arrival to the time of leaving.



Sick bay

The centre has a sick bay and a first-aid room.

A health professional is on hand at all times to monitor the health of the students and administer medicines.

The nearest hospital is in Huesca, 5 minutes away by car.



Pocket money

Students' basic needs are covered by HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP.

Pocket money must be given to the monitor in charge, who will only give it out where purchases are permitted to be made.



Insurance

The organisation has taken out a civil liability insurance covering its students.

Each student should have their own medical insurance.



Uniform

On arrival at the camp, students will receive the T-shirts, cap and backpack which they must wear during their stay with us.

Huesca International Camp lasts for two or three weeks, with a maximum of 80 taking part. Newcomers arrive in the afternoon of the first day, and leave in the morning of the last day.

Telephone calls

Pay-phone calls

Students can make pay-phone calls to their families in the times set for these.

Mobile phones

Students can bring their mobile phones, which must be handed to the monitor in charge, and will only be able to use these at the times set by the course managers.

24-hour telephone line to the course managers

Some children may need a few days settle in and take full part in the programme.

We advise you to limit your calls to your children, especially if it is the first time they have been away from home, in order to help them to settle in faster.

In such situations, and if you wish, you can call the course managers during the whole day, 24 hours, to receive detailed information on how your child is faring.

Electronic mail

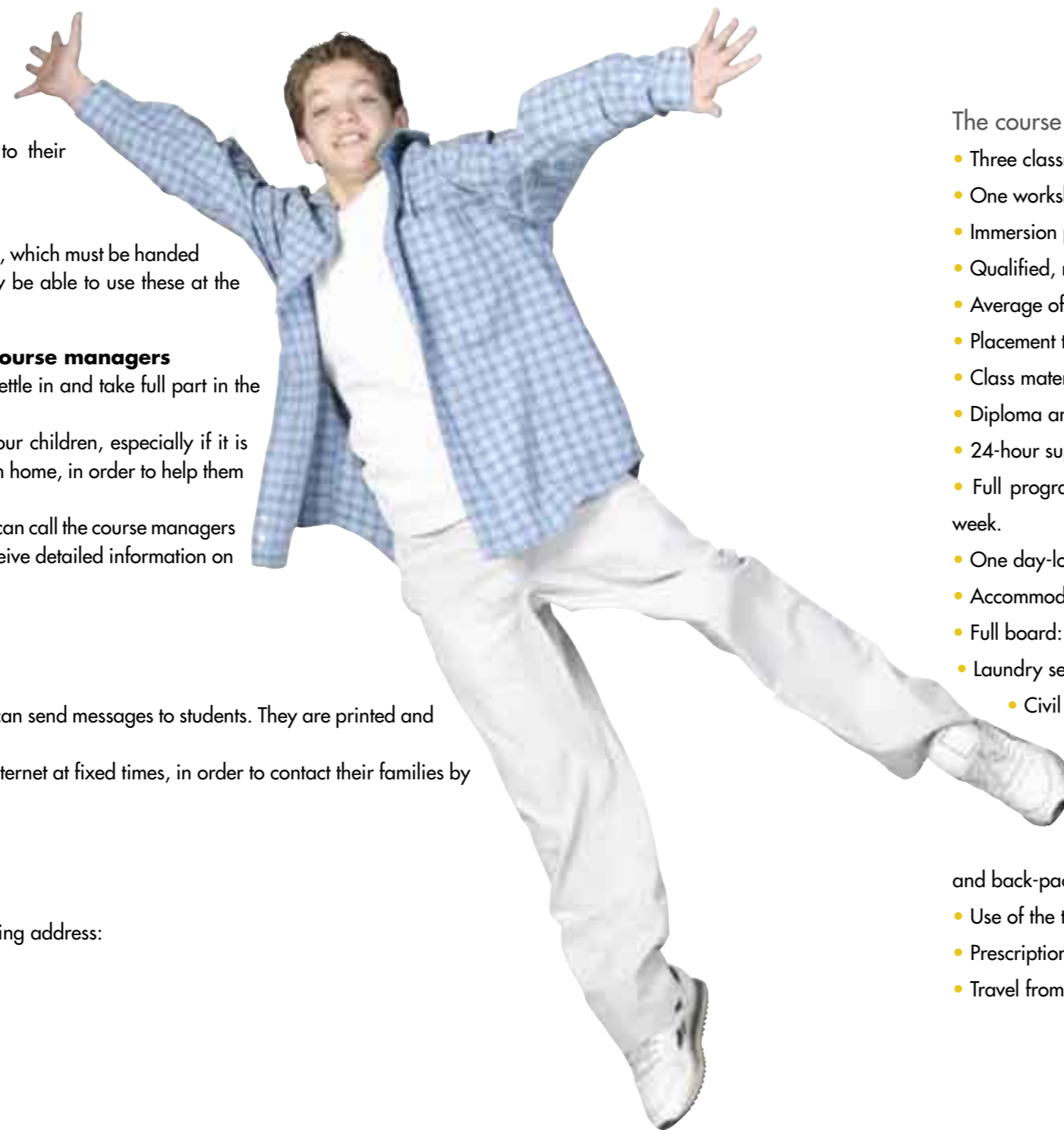
There is an e-mail address where you can send messages to students. They are printed and distributed once a day.

Likewise, students have access to the Internet at fixed times, in order to contact their families by this means.

Letters

Students can receive mail at the following address:

HUESCA INTERNATIONAL CAMP
Santo Grial, 1, 7º I
22003 HUESCA (España)



The course includes

- Three classroom sessions of Spanish per day.
- One workshop per day in Spanish.
- Immersion programme: all activities outside the classroom will take place in Spanish.
- Qualified, native teachers.
- Average of 8 students per classroom group.
- Placement test at the beginning of the course.
- Class material.
- Diploma and academic report.
- 24-hour supervision by our staff.
- Full programme of sports, cultural and leisure activities, and workshops every day of the week.
- One day-long excursion and another half-day excursion.
- Accommodation in single or double rooms with shared bathroom.
- Full board: breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner.
- Laundry service every two weeks.
- Civil liability insurance.

The course does not include

- Compulsory uniform provided by the organisation, consisting of T-shirts, cap and back-pack.
- Use of the telephone.
- Prescription or private medicine.
- Travel from place of origin to the course centre.

Learning a language, speaking and writing in it, communicating through it, also means knowing about the culture of the country.

Spanish is the official language of twenty-one countries and where a large part of the world is focusing its attention. Its rise as a second language can be seen throughout the world, and it is becoming more important to learn Spanish as the number of speakers also increases. For this reason, it is the only language that can approach English as the most widely-spoken language.

Spanish is the third most spoken language as a mother tongue, and the second most used, after English, as a means of international communication, and the third most important in international politics, economics and culture. Current statistics show that Spanish is spoken by some 440 million people.



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