

# Verified Reviews



In this testimonial document you will see verified reviews that let you know what is special about Spark Spanish and El Puerto de Santa Maria. Don't take our word for it, take theirs :)

## What makes our Adult Spanish programmes special?

- **Beaches famed throughout Spain:** 15kms of white sand beaches make El Puerto a fantastic language holiday destination. Nearest is 10 mins walk.



- **Authentic Spanish experience:** small town with little foreign tourism makes it easy to integrate with locals and practice their Spanish.



- We have a **Spanish speaker living in our cultural residence** with our students so they can make more use of Spanish.

- We have learner booklets "Libro de los records" **setting challenges for students** to use their Spanish outside of the classroom.

- We offer **3-4 exciting cultural events each week**: including: Cooking class and 'Español en acción' to name just a few.



- We are **open on nearly all national and local holidays** so there's no more explaining to students why they didn't have class.



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*My two month Spark experience was awesome! All the Spark teachers were professional and fun. El Puerto de Santa Maria is a very nice place to learn Spanish - superb beaches, delicious tapas and affable people.*



**Tim Eidson (Tyron Power on FB) (USA) -**

## **Intensive Spanish Course**



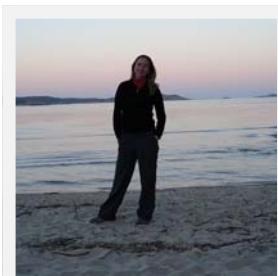
*...El Puerto de Santa Maria is still undiscovered by mass tourism. Therefore, it is authentic, affordable and above all very Spanish. So it's ideal to learn the language. The second reason why I would recommend Spark is that in- and outside the classroom life is fun. The school organizes, among other activities, drinks, get-togethers and excursions to the beautiful places around El Puerto. Lessons too are fun, very educational and the groups are*



*small. The whole school is actually on a human scale.... La última cosa que quiero decir es: ¡muchas gracias amigos! ¡Sigue así! ¡Nos vemos muy pronto!*



**Jelle Steemers (Netherlands) - General Spanish Course**



Ha sido un curso muy eficaz y divertido. Cuatro horas diarias con una profesora bravissima y simpaticissima. Ademas, muchas actividades sociales son disponibles para hablar español todo el tiempo. Spark Spanish rocks y El Puerto es un lugar muy bonito y todavia autentico. Hasta luego! Federica



**Federica Italia (Italy) -**

## **General Spanish Course**



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*An amazing school and place to learn or improve your Spanish! Everyone here is so friendly and you immediately feel at home :). I would definitely recommend it to everyone who wants to learn Spanish in a real Spanish authentic place.*



## **Nadine Schram (Netherlands) - Work experience**



Spark is taking my Spanish to a new level. The teachers and staff there are muy simpáticos. If you don't know what that means, then instead of Googling it, why not give Spark a try. They will place you with a qualified, native, and authentic teacher who will work at your level of español. There is no better opportunity to learn Spanish than right here in the

Mother country.



## **Kristen Smith (USA) - General Spanish Course**



*Great experience, great school and even greater teachers!  
I'll sure come again. :)*



## **Castegna Duran (Switzerland) - Intensive Spanish Course**



Spark is a fantastic place to work and study. Couldn't ask for a better group of people, location or atmosphere!!

## **Cionna Evans (Great Britain) - General Spanish and later English teacher**



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Ya he visitado esta escuela dos veces y no pienso parar. Es un lugar increíble, el mejor para aprender el idioma. El Puerto es un sitio maravilloso, pero lo mejor de mis viajes era la gente: los profesores, el personal y todos los estudiantes son muy-muy amables, muy divertidos! Si vives en Sparkville nunca te aburres y si pasas solo algunas horas en la escuela (como en mi primer año, cuando yo trabajaba de au pair en una familia que me encontraron Spark también) de todos modos te divertías mucho y encuentras muchos amigos. Todo perfecto :)



## Natalia Beschastnova (Russia) - General Spanish and then-Work experience



I've been to Spark for the past three weeks, had a great time! The atmosphere is amazing! The staff is really helpful and friendly, the teachers are very patient and my classmates were really nice. The accommodation is very nice and clean, but next time I will pay extra for a room with airconditioning... ;) I will be back to learn some more Spanish.



## Bart van Aar (Netherlands) - General

### Spanish Course



I had 2 amazing weeks at Spark, thanks you so much Spark team! :) The classes were always really funny and all the teachers are super amazing. The combination of the residence right above the language school is perfect, super comfortable and I had a lot of fun with all the other students. It was such a good experience and my



Spanish improved a lot. Can't wait to go back to lovely El Puerto and spend another great holiday! **Marie-Louis Georgi (Germany) - General**

### Spanish Course



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*My week at Spark Spanish school exceeded all expectations. The staff and teachers were really welcoming and accommodating. I learned a lot of Spanish in a week and classes were fun. Cultural activities on offer included visit to Sherry bodega. Staying at Spark residence is ideal for mingling with others and cooking your own food. Proximity to beach and town (10'min walk to both) is perfect. Thanks for a great week!*



## **Lucy Westenra (New Zealand) - General Spanish Course**



*Thank you so much Spark! We all had such a great time out there,*

*I'm so glad I chose to come with this organisation, it feels really worthwhile and such a great learning experience. The residence was perfect, mingle with the other students but also enough opportunity to have your own privacy.*

*A complaint - it wasn't long enough!!! Thanks again Martha, Marie and Vanessa for all your help and guidance,*

*It truly was a wonderful holiday with many great memories to have. AWESOME! WONDERFUL!*



## **Xiomara van Zalm (Netherlands) - General Spanish Course**

*Before I came to Spark, I barely knew any Spanish. After doing a course it has definitely improved :) Classes were always a lot of fun and the teachers really became good friends! I think the atmosphere in the residence is amazing, it made me feel at home immediately (especially with the huge roof terrace to get a tan and the shared kitchen where you can socialize whenever you want). Also I think that the school is perfectly located. It's an authentic town in the south of Spain where you are basically forced to speak Spanish because English is not really spoken here, which I think is great to improve your Spanish! Also, the beaches around this area are amazing! I would definitely recommend this school to everyone who really wants to live the Spanish life and learn Spanish while having the ultimate holiday feeling.*



## **Nadine Schram (Netherlands) - General Spanish**



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El equipo de Spark es muy amable y atenta! Estudiar en Spark estuve una experiencia muy rica, aprendi muchisimo! El profesor, Mario, tiene un entusiasmo, una energia y mucho capacidad para enseñar muy bien español. Hablar solo español me ayuda mucho. Las clases tuvieron una mezcla de gramatica, vocabulario, conversacion, video y musica. Por eso las classes no estuvieron nunca aburrido.



## **Jeannine van Brussel (Belgium) - General Spanish Course**



*It's been so nice to get to know all the great people from all over the world. I would recommend this to all!*



*Muchas gracias por Mario, es un muy buen profesor, we had a great time!*

*So much humor and laughter – Me gusta mucho :)*



## **Tuire Koskinen (Finland) - Family Programme**



General Spark experience: Excellent! I enjoyed every moment. All staff were very helpful and polite. Mario was loads of fun and a great teacher! I feel I have made a good foundation for further learning.

What I liked the most about El Puerto was the authenticity.



## **David Norman (Great Britain) - General Spanish Course**



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El personal de Spark es muy bueno. Aunque no estaba viviendo en la residencia todos se portaron muy bien conmigo. Es un excelente visión de cortometrajes, películas y conversaciones sobre la actualidad en las clases. La metodología es también muy buena porque mezcla la gramática de la lengua castellana y al mismo tiempo la conversación.

Fue una experiencia fantástica y seguro que regresare!

**Maria Teresa Demaria (Italy) - General Spanish Course + De-mi Pair Programme**



The people who work at Spark were very friendly. The friendly atmosphere definitely made a great impression to me!

**Kaisa Keskitalo (Finland) - General Spanish Course**



There was a really good atmosphere in class and the whole school. :) Our teacher Mario, did a great job (and José as well, especially in the cooking sessions).

**Alex Roelants (Belgium) - General Spanish Course**



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Very friendly, personal and good help. I feel like I am known and that, especially Vanessa in my case, but also the other teammembers, do their utmost to satisfy me. Good information send in the student welcoming pack as well. It feels good and I am looking forward to come.



## **Marjan de Weerd (Netherlands) - General Spanish Course**

*Hemos sido atendidos excelente mente. Esperamos poder seguir disfrutando de vuestros servicios este invierno.*



## **Yolanda Garzon (Great Britain) - General Spanish Course**



Very helpfull and friendly.  
Quick response. Very good!

## **Jeroen Verrijdt (Netherlands) - Intensive Spanish Course**



*The personal attention they give you is really good.*



## **Pim van Spanje (Netherlands) - General Spanish**

Professional and kind. Thanks so much for all the help!



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Excellent support, if the teaching is as good as your admin support then my kids will be fluent in Spanish in no time! :)

**Lucinda Turck (Great Britain) - Individual Spanish Course**



You couldn't have been more helpful - thank you!

**Malcolm Combe (Great Britain) - Over 50's Course**



Very satisfied with the support from Spark!

**Barry Brangan (Ireland) - General Spanish Course**



Always great service!!

**Tim Eidson (USA) - Half General Spanish Course**



Very good customer services, I'm really satisfied!

**Khurram Shahzad (Pakistan) - General Spanish Course**



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Excellent academy with very nice staff and great teachers. Li-



ving in El Puerto, I know how great it is and I would recommend to anyone to come here, practice your Spanish and learn about the Gaditano life! Olé què artè! Gracia mis amigos.



## Scott McKim (United Kingdom) – General Spanish Course



Excellent language academy, great place to learn Spanish because Spark will provide great teachers with years of experience! The support throughout your learning process is professional

and the fact that you can stay in Spark's own residence gives you the opportunity to connect with other students and the staff!

## Maebel Bakker (Netherlands) -General Spanish Course



Quality not Quantity that matters! Spark Languages school, although is a small school, it has good atmosphere , facilities and adaptable friendly staff. This has effectively made my short stay for learning spanish at Spark Idiomas very memorable and exciting. It is a good place for all ages to learn a new language skill.

## Samson Chinien (UK)- General Spanish Course



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Gracias por todo! Las excursiones con Mario y las clases con Jose de nivel B1, ahora puedo hablar con mas confianza, he aprendido mucho de gramática, expresiones, y vocabulario.



Thanks, I've enjoyed everything: the excursions and lessons. Now I have much more confidence speaking and thanks to great teachers I've learnt a lot. Plus I got to spend three weeks with great people from loads of different countries!

## Spark Student – General Spanish Course



Had a fantastic 2 weeks at Spark and learned so much. Intensive course was 'muy intensivo' but well worth it! Lovely helpful staff, and beautiful place to be. Atmosphere very relaxed and friendly. Thanks everyone!



**Elaine Tovell (United Kingdom) - General Spanish Course**



Great place to study Spanish – classes are really personal and suit everyone, residence is a fun place to live and El Puerto is a good location to practise spoken Spanish!

**Lauren Ní Bheacháin (Ireland)- General**



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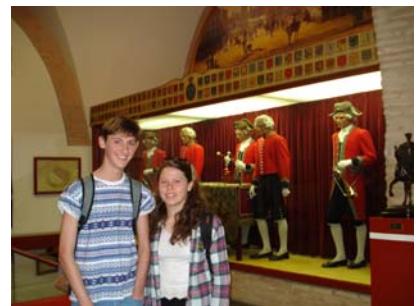


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## **Bartholomeus van Aar (Netherlands) - General Spanish Course**

Decided that 2016 was the year I was finally going to learn Spanish after faltering attempts whilst on holiday. I chose Spark due to its location in an area of Spain that I had not visited previously (and was not your typical English holiday destination) and because of the informative website. It was the perfect choice! I joined the complete beginner class, we were a group of 3 so there was lots of assistance available from our profesora. I also chose to have extra private lessons to make the most out of my time there and these were extremely helpful in filling in gaps in my knowledge. The residence itself is in a nice area (15 mins walk to the beach) and has a nice communal kitchen and roof area to chat to fellow students. My only regret is that I only had a week, hope to go back next year for a longer trip.



## **Mrs. Dodger (United Kingdom)- Intensive Spanish Course**



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My daughter spent 2 weeks at Sparks Spanish this summer and a wonderful time. She went on her own and the support she had was excellent. I felt very reassured that she was going to be safe, have an amazing time and learn plenty of Spanish- I shall be going with her next time. The staff were v friendly and overall it was a fantastic experience My daughter did the water sport option for both weeks which she would thoroughly recommend. Thank you Sparks Spanish!



**Ali Chapman (United Kingdom)– her daughter Juliette stayed in Spark with her friends and took the General Spanish Course**



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perfect, super comfortable and I had a lot of fun with all the other students. It was such a good experience and my Spanish improved a lot. Can't wait to go back to lovely El Puerto and spend another great holiday!



**Marie G (Germany)- General Spanish Course**



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I had such a great time at Spark Languages, the teachers were very friendly and I improved my Spanish a lot! The cultural activities were amazing, especially the sherry tasting was interesting.

El Puerto de Santa Maria is also perfectly located to discover Andalusia. In the weekends I went to Gibraltar and Cadiz, these cities were very nice and are worth a visit!

## **Stefan de Bruin (Netherlands)- General Spanish Course**



I really enjoyed my time at Spark. Before, I had no experience in Spanish and after six weeks of classes it has improved rapidly! Classes are really good, with different topics and different ways of teaching. Spark also organizes cultural events, which is really nice if you are interested in Spanish culture and like to experience the Spanish lifestyle. Moreover, El Puerto de Santa Maria is ideally located, there are some really beautiful cities in its surroundings and it is perfect that almost nobody speaks English. You get an authentic feeling and you are forced to speak Spanish! El Puerto is an amazing town, and the people are really nice. I will definitely come back here!

## **Suzanne Klerkx (Netherlands)- Work Experience Programme**



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He aprendido muchisimo. Mi profesor, José Ignacio Palomero, es unprofesor genial! He conocido algunos profesores en mi vida y José es sin duda el mejor y el mas amable. Vivir en Sparkville Residence también fui una experiencia muy buena. El equipo de Spark es muy amable, especialmente Mario que ha hecho las actividades culturales con nosotros y conoce la région bastante bien.

## Jelle Steemers (UK) -General Spanish Course



The classes and teachers were excellent and i improved my Spanish a lot. Although i did not stay in Sparkville Residence I enjoyed spending time in the communal area and on the rooftop. The overall services provided by Spark, including the Cultural Activites, were great and the staff very helpful and supporting.

The two best things about Spark were the people working there and the class and teaching style!

## Stanislava Ivankovic (Serbia)- General Spanish Course



I loved the cultural events! Above all was the bicicle – tour and the tour to Sevilla! The classees were great too. Our teacher was always very good prepared for the lessons. Using many different ways of teaching have been very helpful. My Spanish improved a lot.

## Britt-Marie Finbom Forsgren (Sweden)-General Spanish Course



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Nice to be in a very small class. More chance to speak and easier to do in front of not many people. Teacher very encouraging. I still



struggle with the listening and speaking but much better with the writing so will keep doing the classes. Nice friendly homely atmosphere. Great to meet others from different countries. The bike ride and trip to Seville were super and we were so well looked after on the outings and at Spark. Nice to stay

in Spark Residence because its handy for study, meeting people and shops and cafes. In general i loved the friedly atmosphere and the cultural activities. I will definitely recommend this to my friends.

Definitely be back! **Heather Haines (UK) - General Spanish**

**Course**



Muy bien con lecciones variados. Por ejemplo juegos, escribir anuncios para vender unas cosas, escuchar musica etc. El edificio de Spark era muy bueno y cerca de todo. Todo la gente que trabaja en Spark estaba muy simpatico y amable.

En general me gustó todo y voy a venir otra veces. Mario era muy divertido y solicitito.



**Lizzie Stroemberg (USA) - General Spanish Course**



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I liked the equilibrium between visual, auditional examples and excercises in speaking. At my start the teacher was pretty quick at speaking, but I started in a grade that was quite high compared to my spanish level. The homework was OK/vale, not to much, not to heavy, Mario is a nice guy and he is serious and takes his time for serious students. Of course I added in my homework the learning from my head of all words I learned, which was the heaviest of homework. Bedroom was good, bathroom was nice. Cupboards are handy with lots of room for your luggage. In general I enjoyed staying at Spark a lot and spending time in El Puerto and the region.



Very nice atmosphere which makes it easy to approach staff! Despite the low season I was happy there were cultural activities, enjoyed them!!! I Loved the friendly atmosphere and the people working here! Had a GREAT week and hope

to return soon! Muchas gracias!!!

## Sander Koger (Netherlands)- General Spanish Course



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The teacher was very friendly and welcoming and I loved the conversational style of her lessons. We focused mainly on speaking and this has greatly improved my confidence. I stayed with a host family who were very welcoming. I enjoyed the entire two weeks I spent with the family and the school and I will be coming back! I had a great two weeks, everyone was very friendly and welcoming. The teachers were great and knowledgeable and I also made some great friends from my class. I would love to come back before my exams next year, I learnt lots and feel a lot more confident when speaking Spanish.



Very nice staff. Jose is a very good teacher and kept the lessons interesting. I was happy with the class/materials etc. Was a nice touch to give a little certificate at the end with a photo. (even if my course was only for 1 week).

## Scott McKim (UK) - General Spanish Course

I've really enjoyed studying here. The classes were the perfect mix of reading, speaking, writing and listening; and I enjoyed studying alongside other students, which gave the class more of a collaborative feel. I loved the cultural activities and found they elevated the Spanish experience. I particularly enjoyed the trips to nearby towns Santalúcar and Arcos.

## FInlay Worrall (UK)- Work Experience Programme



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La clase con Mario era excelente. A mi gustaba su estilo diferente para enseñar todo la gramática con canciones, juegos y muchas posibilidades para practicar. Y además sus bromas, su paciencia y su abierta cuidaban de un ambiente positiva pa-



ra aprender con mucho divertido. No puedo contestar en realidad la pregunta sobre el libro porque trabajábamos con papeles separados y adecuados sobre los temas del clase. Me gusta mucho vivir en Spark. Todo los habitaciones son muy limpias. Si tengo una pregunta hay siempre una persona que ayudarme. Y además es

muy cómodo y hay bastante superficie por su misma siquieras. Las actividades eran un placer. Estaba aquí por la tercera vez pero todos las actividades eran una experiencia nueva para mi. El personal que nos acompañaba era siempre muy divertido. Expliquó mucho. Y promovió la comunicación en español también fuera de la clase. Era una buena posibilidad para practicar español. Una vez más estoy muy contenta frecuentar de nuevo una clase aquí. Nunca me he aburrido. Y he aprendiendo tanto. Yo voy a volver en al año que viene porque el estilo de enseñar, los profesores amables y el ambiente positivo me convenzo. Siempre de nuevo.



**Samira Zurlo (Germany) -General Spanish Course**



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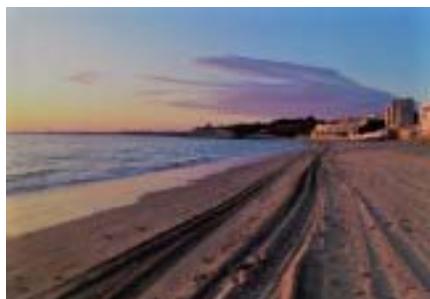


## Timothy Hanan- General Spanish Course

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## Finlay Worrall- General Spanish Course



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## Zurlo Samira-General Spanish Course

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How to get to Spain!



\* **Jerez de la Frontera** is the closest but smallest airport and has many flights to and from different countries. From Jerez you can take a bus, train or taxi to El Puerto, which takes about half an hour. Note that many additional destinations exist via transite flights from Madrid, Barcelona, London and Frankfurt to name just a few.

\* **Sevilla** airport is the next closest and a slightly bigger airport. From the airport it is very easy to get to El Puerto: there are buses that take you to Sevilla train station (Santa Justa) from where you can take a direct train to El Puerto, there are approx 10-15 trains daily and the cost is around 18€ one way. It is also possible to take a bus to El Puerto for a little cheaper.

\* **Malaga** airport is the biggest airport in the area and has the most connections with many cities and countries from around the world. All the cheap airlines operate out of the airport and cheap flights are nearly always available. You can take the train to Dos Hermanas (one stop before Seville) and then to El Puerto or take a bus to El Puerto via Cadiz.

\* **Madrid**. Flying into Madrid (Barajas) airport is another option as there are many flights to Madrid from all over the world, from where you can take a connection flight to El Puerto or take a train (Seville and soon Cadiz) are connected by the high speed AVE train or bus.

\* **Barcelona** airport is also an interesting option if you are arriving from somewhere within Europe and then take a connecting flight to Andalucia.

