





# 5. SPANISH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE:

In this instance the courses Spanish Grammar and Conversation 10 and Spanish Grammar and Conversation 15, are complemented by a daily session about Spanish culture. This course is available only to those with level A2 Spanish. It is a long-term course that is taught in two separate terms; September - December and February - May.

Contenido de las sesiones de cultura:

**Contents of the Spanish Culture sessions:** 

## **HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY:**

- 1. Geography of the Iberian Peninsula. Autonomous Regions.
- 2. Principal historic events of the 20th century:
  - The Second Republic
  - The Spanish Civil War
  - Franco's Dictatorship
  - Transition and Democracy

#### **ART AND ARCHITECTURE:**

- 1. Prehistory: the Cueva de la Pileta. Rock paintings.
- 2. The Archaeological site of Acinipo: Roman Amphitheatre.
- 3. Churches and monuments of Ronda.
- 4. The ornamentation of the buildings showing Ronda's Moorish heritage: the traditionally whitewashed walls, the rooftops, the wrought ironwork, the tiled "zócalos".
- 5. Two representative painters of the 20th century: Pablo Picasso y Salvador Dalí.

#### LITERATURE:

- 1. Miguel de Cervantes: Don Quijote.
- 2. Federico García Lorca: poet and playwright.
- 3. Contemporary Spanish Literature: Elvira Lindo, Manuel Rivas, María Dueñas.

CINEMA:







1. Present trends in Spanish cinema:

The classic films of the internationally recognised director, Pedro Almodóvar and those of Alejandro Amenábar. Treatment of social topics the following directors: Icíar Bollaín, Achero Mañas, Benito Zambrano.

#### **POPULAR FESTIVALS:**

- 1. Winter festivals: Christmas and Cadiz Carnival.
- 2. Spring festivals: Holy Week in Andalusia and the "April Feria".
- 3. Summer festivals: San Juan, las Fallas, los Sanfermines y la Tomatina.

## **ORAL AND WRITTEN TRADITION:**

- 1. Superstitions and popular beliefs.
- 2. Popular proverbs.
- 3. Common idioms.
- 4. Popular songs.

# **PRECIOS**

PRICE OF SPANISH GRAMMAR AND CONVERSATION 10 + SPANISH CULTURE: 2,250 € (per term)

PRICE OF SPANISH GRAMMAR AND CONVERSATION 15 + SPANISH CULTURE: 3,000 € (per term)