



Adult and Junior Programmes

A smiling woman with dark hair, wearing a light grey blazer over a beige top, holds a small Spanish flag. The flag has three horizontal stripes of red, yellow, and red, with the Spanish coat of arms in the center of the yellow stripe.

Learn Spanish in Gijón

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Welcome to Asturias

Dare to be different!
Come and discover Asturias,
Spain's best-kept secret.



Cut off from the Meseta by the impressive Cordillera Cantábrica mountain range, Asturias is a natural paradise waiting to be discovered.

300 kms of pristine, sandy beaches, perfect for surfing, diving, sailing or just enjoying the sun and the sea.

A land of incredible beauty, with its unspoilt coastline, mountains, rivers and valleys. 30% of the region consists of natural parks, nature reserves and protected areas.

Welcoming, friendly people, delicious Spanish cuisine, excellent sporting facilities and cities and towns full of life... where Spanish people go for holidays.

Gijón...

So much to enjoy

Situated between the mountains and the sea, Gijón is the largest city in Asturias. It is lively, dynamic and safe with an extensive range of activities all year round. Nightlife is centered in the old quarter, where the pubs, cafeterias and wine bars around the Marina and surrounding streets form the "Wine Route", busy day and night. Restaurants and cider houses offering "tapas" and top quality cuisine can be found all over the city.

There is an extremely strong 'café culture' in Gijón. People love to go for a coffee with friends, families and business colleagues. You will find cafés and bars on every street.

Hire a bike and explore the many cycling tracks in the surrounding countryside. Play golf on one of the excellent golf courses near the city. Join the surfers on San Lorenzo beach or play tennis or padel at one of the several sports clubs.

An hour away, in the Picos de Europa, you can go mountain walking, canoeing, hang-gliding or climbing and skiing in the winter in some of the most spectacular scenery in Spain.

CLIMATE

Gijón generally enjoys pleasant, warm weather during the summer months of June through to September with occasional showers. However, it is always a good idea to bring a jumper or a jacket for the evening time.

During the rest of the year the climate is mild. Temperatures rarely drop lower than 12° C.





Experience counts

Lawton Idiomas is centrally located in the prosperous area of Plaza San Miguel, close to shops, banks and bars and 2 minutes walk from San Lorenzo Beach. The school has 6 bright, comfortable, well-equipped classrooms. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the premises.

We have been teaching languages in Asturias for over 40 years. Our staff is enthusiastic, motivated and friendly. Our teachers hold university degrees and are experienced in teaching Spanish to foreign students. In general our courses are geared to the needs and aims of the individual student or the group. On completion of the course students receive a certificate of attendance, which includes the number of hours studied.

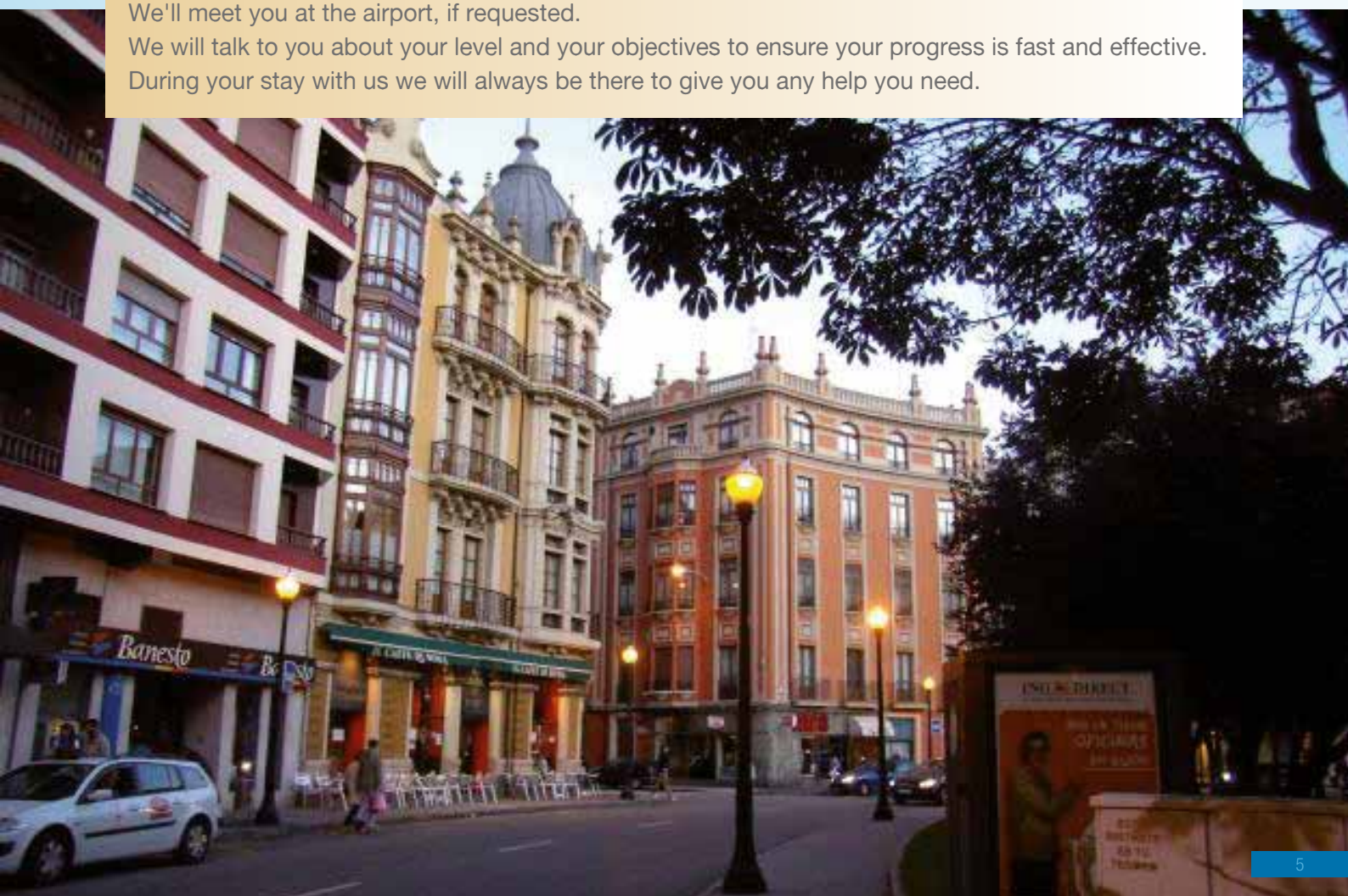
At Lawton Idiomas we are here to help you.

Before you arrive we will provide you with information about how to get here, your course and accommodation.

We'll meet you at the airport, if requested.

We will talk to you about your level and your objectives to ensure your progress is fast and effective.

During your stay with us we will always be there to give you any help you need.



Accommodation

Students attending our courses can choose from a range of accommodation within a short distance from the school; with a host family, in an apartment, a student residence or a hotel, depending on your choice.

Host family accommodation

Staying with a host family is the best way to get to know the people, their customs, way of life and culture and allows you to practise Spanish socially. Homestay families can be families with children, retired couples, or single home-owners. You will have a clean, comfortable single room and students are provided with a place to study. Host families offer half board during the week and full board at the weekends. People in Spain generally live in flats therefore it is quite likely that most students will live in a flat during their stay.



Self-catering accommodation

This option offers accommodation in single or twin rooms on a self-catering basis with a shared living room, bathroom and kitchen.

Student residence

The “El Palacio San Andrés de Cornellana” youth hostel has 12 single and 12 double rooms en suite and a canteen providing meals for students. There is access to Internet 24/7 and a garden at the disposal of the residents.

Hotels

If you prefer this option we can arrange accommodation in a 1, 2, 3 or 4 star hotel at favourable rates. We will be happy to send you further information.

Camping

Should you come by car, the Municipal Camping in Deva, 10 minutes from Gijón, offers accommodation in 20 cosy bungalows, with 2 bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, a living room with heating, TV and a terrace. The campsite has 2 swimming pools, tennis and basketball courts and a recreation area.



Adult Courses

Small groups ensure personal attention and optimum progress. There is an average of 5 students per group and a maximum of 10. After a written and oral assessment on the first day of class each student is placed in the appropriate level.

Timetable: Classes run Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 14.00 with a half hour break from 11.30 to 12.00. Each class lasts 55 minutes. Levels: Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced.



Disfruto mucho de las clases de español porque hacemos actividades diferentes

Yasu (森田 泰史)

Standard

The standard course consists of 20 lessons per week designed for people who want to learn or perfect their language skills while enjoying Spanish life in their free time. It focuses on the practical aspects of the Spanish language used in a broad range of everyday situations, the development of oral and written skills, and covers all aspects of Spanish grammar.

Standard Plus

Combines 20 lessons per week with 5 or 10 hours' private tuition. Private classes allow students to focus on areas that are of special interest to them or for motivated students who wish to improve their fluency and accuracy in the shortest time possible.

Individual Tuition

If there is a specific aspect of the language that you wish to concentrate on, or if the time you have available is limited then this course is the perfect solution. The course is personalized, tailored to meet your needs and pace of learning. The course can be for you or for a private group.

Customized Business Crash Course

For busy professionals who need a special, tailor-made course which focuses on their business needs.

Both the duration and content of the course are set by the client and are based on prior consultation and evaluation to determine the needs of the participants. Our programmes include specific fields such as Business, Finance, Administration, Negotiations, among others, and each programme covers both the spoken and written specialized language of the client's field. Our professional staff will help you to reach your goals in a very short time.

The course may be one to one or for a small group. At the end of the course each participant receives a certificate and the company receives a progress report.

50+

For mature students who wish to learn Spanish at a leisurely pace while enjoying a cultural programme in the afternoon.



Executive Spanish and Golf

Our Executive Spanish & Golf programme offers four 18-hole golf courses plus an 18-hole par 3 course, in a totally Spanish-speaking environment with warm, friendly people and well-equipped, elegant club-houses. A club professional is available for those wanting personal golf coaching. (approx. 33 € per hour)
The Golf programme is available from March to October. In the event of bad weather suitable cultural or sightseeing alternative activities will be organised.

Option GS1: Monday to Friday: 15 hours of individual language training with a round of golf three afternoons a week. Cost: 885 € per week, including registration, green fees and return travel to golf courses.

Option GS2: Monday to Friday: 20 hours of individual language training with a round of golf three afternoons a week. Cost: 1025 € per week, including registration, green fees and return travel to golf courses. Cart or buggy hire is available at an extra charge from the golf clubs.

Cart (manual): approx. 3,50 €

Cart (electric): approx. 10,50 €

Buggy: approx. 35 €



Clients can choose to have a golf companion, who will play the round with them, conversing in Spanish and advising on the areas of golf course (at an approximate cost of 50€). Please note that charges do not include club hire. This is available at a small extra charge (approx. 20-30€) from the golf clubs. On previous request tutor-accompanied lunches can be arranged at 150€ per week for 2 courses, drink and coffee.

*Visiting golfers are not required to obtain a licence from the Spanish federation but must provide a valid handicap certificate from their home club or their home federation. Proof of handicap is required by all courses (though some may take this on good faith). Depending on the policy of an individual course, men up to a maximum handicap 28 and ladies up to 36 are allowed to play.

Beginners and players without a valid handicap are welcome on some courses but may have to play accompanied by a professional or have to play later in the afternoon in company of a competent partner.

Accommodation

Accommodation is available either in one of our Homestays or in a hotel or apartment. Homestay accommodation is from 50€ per night for single room, breakfast, evening meal and all meals at weekends. There is a variety of hotels in Gijon which Lawton School will be happy to book for you. In the high season a four star hotel is from 120€ per night, a three star from 95€ per night.

Apartments are from 110€ for 1 person, 130€ for 2 persons per night. The charges must be paid directly to the hotel or apartment.

Transfers: Optional Transfer to/from Asturias (Ranon) airport: 65€ on arrival and 65€ on departure.

Courses

La Lloreja Golf Course <http://golf.gijon.es/page/14579-el-campo>

La Barganiza Golf Course <http://www.labarganiza.com/>

Real Club de Golf de Castiello <http://www.castiello.com/>

Deva Golf Pitch and Putt <http://www.devagolf.es/>

Llanes Golf Course <http://www.llanes.es/golf>

Language and Leisure

Combine your Spanish course with a variety of leisure options. With its fertile meadows, lush forests, mountains, valleys, rivers, sea, flora and fauna, Asturias is a high-quality destination for all those who enjoy outdoor activities. Sporting activities include surfing, golf, mountain biking, hiking and trekking, climbing, fishing and hunting, amongst others, all adapted to your needs, with the guarantee that comes with professional supervision, and with the utmost respect for the local environment and surroundings. More than one-third of Asturias's land area consists of protected nature reserves. Tell us what you like and what you're interested in, and we will help you create the language and leisure holiday you're looking for.

Surfing

Asturias is a heaven for surfers. There are dozens of surf spots in Asturias, some quite famous, others only known by the locals. For the experienced surfer, part of the fun is discovering the little-known surf spots.

Gijón has many surf schools, with very experienced and qualified professionals, which offer courses on San Lorenzo beach where you can enjoy the sport safely either as a beginner or at advanced level. You can learn the basics of surfing or you can travel in the school vehicle to other surf spots along the coast.

Estimated Cost: 110€ (10 hours/week)

Golf

One of the many attractions in Asturias is the chance to play golf all year round.

Asturias offers golfers the unique opportunity to play golf at 16 golf courses set in stunning landscapes.

The different courses offer a range of difficulties and sizes, from 9 hole pitch and putt to 18 hole courses. The natural surroundings include stunning views of beautiful beaches and mountains and the presence of wild life such as deer, squirrels, waterfowl... Close to Gijón there are excellent courses offering value for money.

We can provide you with all the information you need to organize your language and golf stay and book your green fees at competitive prices.

Estimated Cost: 105€ per week



Deep Sea Fishing

The Asturias coastline is dotted with charming fishing towns and villages that are shaped by the Atlantic Ocean. Gijón, known as the “Capital of the Green Coast”, is one of the most important ports on the Bay of Biscay. Complement deep sea fishing with one to one Spanish classes and practice your Spanish with the captain. Experience a day of recreational fishing on the high sea on a catamaran for up to 8 people. Take a boat out to deep waters to fish sea bream, hake, monkfish and sea bass. Boats can be rented all year round at the Marina of Gijón leaving at 8:00 am and returning at 1:00 pm.

Boat Hire: 500 € (capacity: 8 people)

(Price includes 1 captain and 1 sailor, equipment, gear and insurance.)

Climbing

The beautiful mountain range of the Picos de Europa contains some spectacular climbs. Wild limestone peaks offer rock climbers and mountaineers a wealth of routes in a range of styles, sizes and difficulties. The best time for Rock Climbing is between the months of June and September. Every type of climbing is catered for and there are plenty of facilities on offer for climbers visiting the region. Many routes have been bolted and developed and now there are hundreds to choose from. Estimated Cost: 140€ (8 hours course)

Mountain Biking

Asturias is a great place to go mountain biking with some amazing descents. Enjoy the uniqueness of the cycling paths and tracks running through stunningly beautiful places, and meet the friendly people. Quench your thirst with the local cider. It goes down well with Spanish Omelette (Tortilla Española). Estimated Cost: 15€ per day (bike rental)

Hiking and Trekking

Asturias is also wonderful for hiking and trekking. There is something for everyone. A well documented variety of trails ranging from short, very easy routes to long, difficult hikes take you through protected landscapes along forest trails, valleys, lakes and high mountain peaks which abound with wildlife such as wolves, bear, boar, capercaillie, etc.

Enjoy a relaxing 2 to 3 hour walk following different itineraries around the outskirts of Gijón. Old disused railway tracks have been converted into bicycle and hiking routes. Routes start off from the town and go out into the surrounding countryside or along the coast, revealing old watermills, orchards, beaches and cliffs.

Gijón is a starting point for the famous and extraordinarily beautiful Camín or Route to Covadonga, which runs through valleys, over mountains, through villages, between picturesque typical Asturian houses, horreos and Romanesque chapels, finishing at The Holy Cave and the Basílica of Covadonga. We can organize treks with or without a guide. Ask for an estimate.

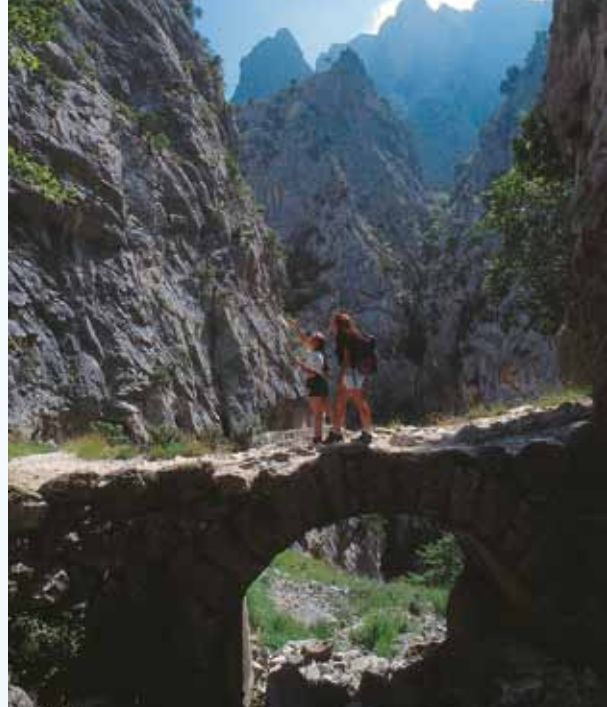


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Social Programme

A full and varied activities programme is organised by our teachers and staff. It is the perfect way to have fun, see interesting places and enjoy yourself. Some of these optional activities are free other carry a small cost.

Lawton School provides a Social Programme of evening and half-day activities, full day and weekend excursions and information about interesting events in Asturias. Cultural and adventure activities can be combined to plan your weekly programme.



Activities include:

Gijón City Tour

Universidad Laboral Ciudad de Cultura

The Aquarium

Jovellanos Museum

Scenic Coastal Walk

The Botanical Gardens

Oviedo Old Quarter

Mining Museum in El Entrego

Covadonga, birthplace of the Reconquista

Canoeing on the Sella River

Day Trip to León

Wine tasting and “tapas” amongst others...





Junior courses focus on developing students' communicative ability. They are based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and aim to develop core language skills.

Junior Programme for Groups

This tailor made programme is available to closed groups all year round. It is designed to meet the specific requirements of each group. Students can study for one to four weeks.

Classes are typically 15 hours per week. This can be adapted to the group's needs. Classes take place in the mornings. The course is designed to combine effective language learning in a fun environment. Teachers are qualified to university level. A full range of recreational and cultural activities is provided.

- Tailor made courses
- 15 hours tuition per week
- Books and material provided
- 1- 4 week programme
- 2 half day and 1 full day excursions per week
- Organised recreational and cultural activity programme
- Host family or hotel accommodation
- End of Course certificate



Spanish Integration Course

An intensive six week course, designed to provide fluency and confidence in the Spanish language. The programme is available to groups and individual students.

- 2 weeks intensive preparation course, 15 hours per week, in General Spanish (books and materials provided)
- 4 weeks placement in a Spanish High School
- Lower Intermediate to Advanced level
- Maximum 8 students per Spanish class



How to get to Gijón

You can come to Gijón by car, by train, by bus, by plane or by ferry.



By plane

Asturias Airport (OVD) is about 30 Km east of Gijón, on the A8 motorway, near the industrial town of Avilés. It takes about 25 minutes by car to get to Gijón. There is a bus service run by ALSA which leaves from beside the Arrivals Hall and takes you to the central bus station in Gijón. The ride takes just under an hour and costs about 7€. Buses depart every hour from Gijón for the airport, from 06:00 until 23:00 hours. You can get more detailed information on timetables etc. on the Alsa webpage - see airport service.



Taxis from Asturias Airport

The taxi rank is just outside the terminal building and as a rough guide fares are about 50€. Please note there is no train service at Asturias Airport.

Easyjet, flies in from Stanstead daily. Iberia and Air Europa also fly direct from Madrid daily. There are connections daily with Barcelona, flying Vueling.

Gijón is easily reached from Santander. There are flights from Brussels, Frankfurt- Hahn, Paris and Rome.

There is a connecting bus from Santander Airport to Gijón. It takes about two and a half to three hours. (See ALSA web page). Please check the Alsa webpage in English for information on this bus service.

Gijón

By train or bus from Madrid

Spain's national RENFE rail network also serves Asturias well; very comfortable trains regularly depart to and from Madrid Chamartin train station. The journey takes 5 hours. Tourist class costs about 40€. There is a train from Barajas airport to Chamartin which costs 2/3 euros.

For train information in English see:

<http://www.renfe.es/>

There is also a comprehensive bus service run by the ALSA company. This is a little less expensive than the train and takes 5 hours too. Price depends on the time of day and the bus service - between 35€ and 56€. There are buses which leave directly from the Terminal 4 at Barajas airport.

For bus information in English see :

http://www.alsa.es/portal/site/Alsa?portal.alsa.request.locale=en_GB

By Sea

By Ferry from Plymouth to Santander. Two hours from Gijón on the A8 motorway.

Portsmouth to Balboa. Three hours on the A8 motorway.

The Maritime Highway connecting Gijon with Nantes/Saint Nazaire, Poole and Roselare.

<http://www.ldlines.es/>



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