

# 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 Llorea 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.

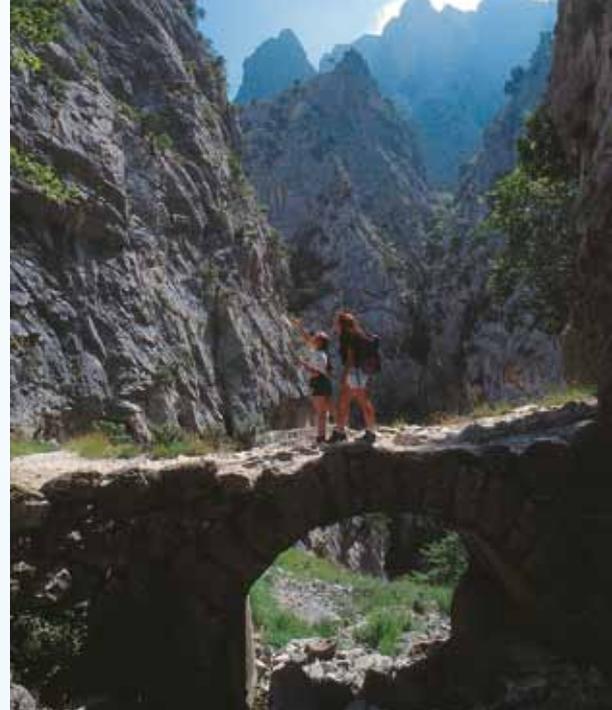


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# Social Programme

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:

Gijon 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...

