EXCHANGE PROJECT BETWEEN GROUPS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM BRITAIN AND SPAIN

Introduction

La Granja is a farm school that sets an example within Catalonia, Spain with over 25 years of experience in the field of education; Amongst its many programmes La Granja has created a unique project that uses emotional education as a tool to work with the pupils and achieve a different form of education, helping to improve self-awareness, self-esteem and the ability to work as a team.

La Granja also has great experience in teaching English and Spanish for foreigners in a natural and practical environment by intensive exposure of the children to the language during summer camps.

We also offer language camps to pupils during the school year.

At present we are engaged in promoting language and cultural exchange between British and Spanish pupils through The Britain Spain Language Exchange Programme in association with Canterbury Consulting Spain. We provide the schools with a practical programme to improve the Spanish/English level of the children by encouraging the relation and knowledge between the two cultures.

Who is it for?

This program is designed for British and Spanish school children aged between 10 and 16.

When?

**School Pairing and 5 day School visits**: school year (2011-12)
**Meeting in La Granja**: To be arranged with paired schools

Objectives
• Improve English/Spanish level of pupils
• Promote interest in learning a foreign language useful for communication
• Promote the relation between pupils of different countries (Britain and Spain)
• Improve the knowledge of another culture (gastronomy, culture, geography, economy,…)
• Promote respect and tolerance towards different ways of acting and thinking (customs)
• Improving the ability to work as a team
• Promoting good manners and empathy

Organization

Together with Canterbury Consulting Spain, La Granja organizes, the pairing between Spanish and British schools, selecting prestigious Spanish schools to be paired with their British counterparts also interested in this exchange.

Once the ideal match between schools for exchange has been made, data will be provided to the teachers of both so they can begin to establish contact and initiate the first phase of the program. During this phase they will also decide on the date of the meeting and reservations will start to be made.

La Granja organizes lodging during this meeting, as well as all the activities in its Centre and guided visits to Barcelona.

First phase

Contact between teachers to organize the way in which pupils will communicate with each other (skype, webcam, letters, presentation videos, photos,…), frequency of contacts, timetable,…

Work in the classroom to prepare the pupils, providing knowledge of the other country (geography, history, customs, gastronomy, folklore,…) Match of pupils in pairs or trios according to affinities in order to ease communication and relation between them.

Continued relation between teachers of both schools to ease the coordination and success of the program, providing information on the pupils and their classroom habits, to stress specific aspects that should be worked on.

Second phase

The British school travels to Barcelona and meets the Spanish pupils at La Granja, where they will live together during their stay which includes one or two visits to the city of Barcelona.

Third phase
The pupils and schools will remain in touch. Organization of a trip to Britain for the Spanish school the following year.

Meeting Program

Day 1

Meeting at the airport in Barcelona with our guide and transportation to La Granja
WELCOME, meeting with the Spanish pupils and introduction dynamics
WELCOME MEAL, menu with typical Catalan food
ADVENTURE AND FARM ACTIVITIES
LANGUAGE EXCHANGE
NIGHT TREKKING

Day 2

ADVENTURE AND FARM ACTIVITIES
BRITISH MEAL, menu with typical English food
TEAM ACTIVITIES
LANGUAGE EXCHANGE
CELEBRATION PARTY

Day 3

VISIT TO BARCELONA
PICNIC MEAL
LANGUAGE EXCHANGE
NIGHT GAMES

Day 4

ADVENTURE AND TEAM ACTIVITIES
LANGUAGE EXCHANGE
FAREWELL MEAL
FAREWELL ACTIVITY
NIGHT GAMES

Day 5

VISIT TO THE CAMP NOU FOOTBALL STADIUM
PICNIC MEAL
Arrival at airport with our guide
ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES, wall-climbing, obstacle courses, circuits in the forest, hanging bridge, giant slides, archery, the maze inside the Castle, circuit of the senses,…

TEAM ACTIVITIES, survival in the forest and building log cabins, short boat ride, excavation, beach voley, games, …

ACTIVITIES WITH ANIMALS, horseback riding inside a ring, farm animals, walks in the forest, the vegetable orchard, cooking workshops,…

VISIT TO BARCELONA, a walk along Paseo de Gracia (Gaudí buildings), Las Ramblas, lunch on the beach, the Gothic Quarters and the Cathedral.

VISIT TO THE CAMP NOU (Barcelona Football Stadium))

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ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHERS, during the stay, and while the children are busy taking part in the activities with the educators of La Granja, we will organize language training sessions with the teachers from both schools as well as facilitating an exchange of impressions between both groups to speak about and share their ideas on education.

Basic one day Program

09,15am breakfast (teachers in charge)
10,00am activities (educators from la granja)
1,00pm lunch (teachers in charge)
2,00pm free activity (educators from la granja)
3,00pm prepare for activities
3,30pm activities (educators from la granja)
5,00pm afternoon snack (educators from la granja)
5,30pm activities (educators from la granja)
7,00pm free time (teachers in charge)
8,00pm dinner (teachers in charge)
9,00pm night activity (educators from la granja)
10,30pm rest (teachers in charge)

Tailor-made Program

Once the date of the meeting has been decided our Project director will get in touch with the Coordinators of each school to obtain information on the specific needs of each group, flying schedules, and so on, and will design a tailor-made program that she will present later; when the school approves this our team will move to make the different necessary reservations (transportation, visits, etc.)
SPECIAL EVENT:

Visit to F.C. BARCELONA (Barcelona Football club)


Includes:
Full bed and board lodging
Bed linen
All programmed activities
1 free professor for every 10 pupils
Bilingual and experienced educators (Spanish-English)
1 educator for the activities for every 15-20 pupils (see ratios)
Transportation from airport to La Granja and La Granja to airport with our guide
Transportation for the visits to Barcelona with our guide
Organization and support of the pairing between schools

Does not include:
Plane tickets
Towels
Refreshments, drinks and other extras
Entrance tickets to museums

The Meals

A simple and natural menu will ensure that the children eat well and enjoy the meeting at its most.
At La Granja we have our own kitchen and cook who is prepared to elaborate special diets (allergies or food intolerance) considering the acting protocol to be followed in these cases. We propose a menu elaborated with natural products to the taste of the children, with an important amount of carbohydrates (sportsmans diet), since they are on the move all day long and using a great amount of energy.
It is important for us that the British pupils feel as comfortable as possible, Therefore, we will be previously informed in order to adapt our usual menu (if necessary) and design one that suits everyone’s tastes (both British and Spanish).

Five day menu

Spanish lunch
SNACK: dry sausage (fuet), olives, squid, potato chips, “bread with tomato”
BUTIFARRA (Sausage) with beans and “alioli” sauce
CATALAN CUSTARD

Dinner
NOODLE SOUP
CHICKEN FRIED IN BREAD CRUMBS and french fries
FRUIT

British lunch
HAMBURGER with onion rings and salad
BROWNIE

Dinner
MACARRONI with tomato sauce and cheese
FISH STICKS with chips
FRUIT

Farewell lunch
SNACK: crackers, cheese, chips, cheese-flavoured snack
PAELLA (Rice)
ICE CREAM

Dinner
POTATO OMELETTE with tomato
ROAST CHICKEN
YOGHURT

Picnic meal
HAM SANDWICH
CHEESE SANDWICH
FRUIT and water

Dinner
NOODLE SOUP
SAUSAGES WITH FRENCH FRIES
DAIRY DESSERT

Picnic lunch
HAM SANDWICH
BALONEY (Mortadella) SANDWICH
FRUIT and water

Lodging

The house will be shared by both schools, and will have a dining room, bathrooms, a teacher’s room (shared by both schools) and the children’s rooms.

The rooms have bunkbeds equipped with bed linen.
Towels are not provided.
The teachers’s rooms are also equipped with bunkbeds, private washrooms, bed linen, hair dryer, refrigerator, television and phone.