



IBIENVENIDOS A ESPAÑOLANDIA!

Have you always dreamed of visiting a Spanish-speaking country to see if you really can get around with the "poco de español" you have learned in school? You'll have that chance when you visit Españolandia.

Don't "blow it" by not being prepared.

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Study the phrases and vocabulary of this guidebook.

Practice them with your teacher and classmates.

Think up possible situations and practice questions and responses you would make in those situations.

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When you are given a "visa," that is, official permission to visit Españolandia, you agree to meet the conditions stated on the visa. Those requirements are as follows:

- 1. You must communicate in Spanish. (If you need help, you can go to the information table, or consult with a friend.)
- 2. You must use the official money of the country to buy things. This is the "peso españolandés" which you can get at any bank in the country by exchanging American money at a rate of 10 American cents to one peso. (You can exchange any pesos you have left over back to American money as you leave the country.)
- 3. You will be required to complete at least seven of more than 12 different activities. As you complete each one, your visa will be stamped, showing that you have done so. These activities include: going through customs, exchanging money, buying or asking the price of some item, getting your picture taken, writing a letter of postcard, and interviewing a native. Buying a metro ticket is your only required expense in the country.

Phrases and vocabulary for completing each of these activities are presented in detail in this guidebook. Things you might hear in Españolandia are in PLAIN TEXT. Things that **you** might ask or ways you might respond to a question are in **BOLD ITALIC TEXT**.



SOME HINTS ON GETTING ALONG WITH THE "NATIVES"

- ✓ Although we "Españolandeses" speak only Spanish, we are used to foreigners trying to speak our language and you will find we are very patient and helpful. Your Spanish doesn't have to be flawless.
- ✓ Try not to use English with us, as it hurts our national pride. Ask us to slow down if we "speak too fast." (Perhaps you are "listening too slowly.") Look up words in your dictionary.
- If you are a young person, it is natural for us to use $t\dot{u}$ with you; if you are older and more mature, we will use *usted*.
- ✓ Above all, smile and be friendly. Try to have fun. We look forward to you visit

We hope you will enjoy your visit!!

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