Hi David,

Salamanca is indeed a very nice city, but am afraid that your plan of only speaking Spanish is hardly feasible, not because of the natives, who actually hardly speak English (only young people do) all over Spain, but because your fellow students, who depending on your level will be prone to shift to English when the conversation gets difficult. One more thing you have to take into account (probably you are aware of, but just in case), is that Spain is a cold place in winter, with minimum temperatures dropping frequently below zero C in every inland city. Coastal cities would be an exception, but I dunno of any small town along the coast where they offer Spanish courses in winter (you can check anyways in http://www.aprendemas.com). If you like skiing and tapas, consider my hometown Granada, is a lively and charming city 40 km away from the largest ski resort in Southern Europe, Sierra Nevada. I will be teleworking from Malaga (am a postdoc in Calgary, and have managed to convince my supervisor to skip the cold Canadian winter :) during winter, so if you finally head to Spain, visit the south, and wish a local guide for a day visit in Granada, just let me know.

Cheers

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David Fanning wrote:
> Folks,
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> I have some plans to be in Spain the end of January 2007.
> I'm thinking of staying on for a month or so to take
> a Spanish immersion language course. Does anyone have
> any experience doing this and/or a recommendation for a program?
> I am leaning toward doing this in Salamanca, just because
> I'm not a big city sort of person. I would prefer a small
> village where *no one* speaks English. I wish to speak
> ONLY Spanish (however poorly) for 4-6 weeks. :-)
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> Saludo,

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> David
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> Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")