



COLEGIO  
INTER~  
NACIONAL  
ALICANTE

**Student's  
Lodging  
Manual**



With C.I. Alicante  
you will speak Spanish  
from the very first day.

Immerse  
yourself in  
the local  
culture.

All year  
round, all  
levels.



## Alicante

is a typical Mediterranean city: majestic palm trees, crystal-blue sea, white beaches, two historic 16th centuries' castles, various shopping centres and its never-ending nightlife. Your days will be too short in Alicante.



**Arriving to Alicante:** Students can arrive to Alicante International Airport, which has flights from many important cities in Europe. You can also fly to Madrid, Barcelona or Valencia and then fly or take a train/bus to Alicante.

You can reach your accommodation **from Alicante Airport** by the C6 bus [www.subus.es](http://www.subus.es). The bus will take you to Alicante centre and from there you can take a taxi or go walking to your accommodation. You also can go directly by taxi from the Airport to your lodging. Taxis in Alicante are white with a blue stripe and a licence number on the door. The price should be around 25 €. More information: [www.radiotaxielche.es](http://www.radiotaxielche.es)

**From Madrid Barajas Airport** take the metro to the Atocha Train Station. The trains take 2 hours for arriving to Alicante and cost around 60 €. More information: [www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)

**From Barcelona Airport** take the train to the Barcelona Central Station. The train takes approximately 5 hours for arriving to Alicante and it should cost around 60 €

**From Valencia Airport** you can take a direct bus from Valencia airport to Alicante bus station. There are everyday buses. The bus takes around 3h and the price is around 25€. [www.alsa.es](http://www.alsa.es) Or take the metro from Valencia airport to "Joaquin Sorolla's stop". Valencia Train Station is 300m away. You can take a train to Alicante. It will take around 2h and the price around 30€. <http://www.renfe.com/EN/viajeros/index.html>

Alicante Train Station is located in the centre of the city and a taxi from there to your lodging it should cost you around 10€

**Climate:** There are a total of 2.730 sun-hours per year on the coast and the water temperature varies from 13° C minimum in winter to 29° C maximum in summer.



**Families:** Host families treat the students as one of the family. Students can participate in the everyday life of a Spanish family. In exchange for these benefits you have to fit in with your host family's way of life and habits. The families are carefully selected. The director of the School, always at the student's disposal, can change a student's accommodation if the need arises (max. 2 changes).

Home stay families are not required to pick up the students at the airport, and students should not ask the host family to do so.





Host family

**Fiesta:** Depending on the season in which you happen to be staying with us, you will fall in love with Alicante and its FIESTAS



**January:** The Three Wise Men.

**February:** Carnival.

**March / April:** Easter. Processions

**May:** Flower Festival.

**June:** "Moors and Christians" and The Bonfires of San Juan.

**July / August:** Summer Festival and "Moors and Christians".

**September- November:** Alicante Amateur Theatre Festival, Modern Theatre Festival and Modern Music Festival.

**December:** International Festival of Puppet Show. Christmas Market and Nativities' exhibition.

The most important of these is undoubtedly The Bonfires of San Juan, **Las Hogueras de San Juan (June 20th - 24th)** These days nobody sleeps. Dozens of monuments made of wood and papier-mâché are assembled in the streets; there is music everywhere, fireworks and people dancing in the streets. The 24th of June, after an amazing fireworks display, all monuments are ignited and Alicante explodes in a blaze of colour, which is when the real FIESTA begins!

**Laundry:** Laundry is included in home stay. It is understood that the family will wash one machine load per week.

**Leisure & entertainment:** Alicante offers an interesting range of activities: sports, libraries, art-galleries, cultural halls, museums, open-air concerts, and a 19th century theatre with an extensive programme. The diversity of the landscape, a marvellous climate and superb facilities make sport one of the main attractions. Our pleasure harbour and beach provides you with all the opportunities the sea offers: swimming, water skiing, sailing, windsurfing, fishing, diving, regattas and competitions.

On the other hand, golf or adventure sports such as mountaineering, cycling, riding, piloting, trekking etc. are available all over the year.



### Living in a Spanish Host Family:

The students who live in a host family must take into account the following:

1. Please respect the timetable that the family has set for meals. If eventually you want to change it, agree it first with your host family.
2. Try to keep the host family informed if you will not have meals at home, if you will stay out on a specific day, when you have plans to travel during weekends or go on an excursion.
3. Half board includes breakfast and dinner, full board also includes a midday lunch.
4. Special diet should have been informed in advance to the School while your application is in process. Also, it is advisable for you to inform in advance about any kind of allergy or medical need.
5. Take care of your host family home as you would take care of your own home.
6. Students are responsible for any damage caused inside the house. If you loose the keys you will have to pay for a new copy.

7. Friends' visits are permitted but under family supervision. Please inform the family in advance about occasional visits from friends. They should respect the house rules. Visitors are not allowed to stay over night.
8. Students have no access to the telephone, washing machine, kitchen supplies (fridge, stove etc) unless the family allows it. You are not allowed to prepare your own meals. Please agree it with your host family.
9. You can only use the telephone for receiving calls. Ask the family when would be a good time for receiving your phone calls.
10. Please respect the set rules and each family customs, for example: do not make noise after 22.00h, do not disturb the neighbours (slam the door, shout, etc) If you come home late at night, try to be as quiet as possible.
11. The student must be aware to ecological issues, so please do not waste water, gas or electricity. Taking showers should not take longer than 10 min. You may take ONE shower a day, but it could be two if the family allows it (occasionally in summer time). Do not keep the lights on when you are not using it.
12. It is advisable to keep your room and the bathroom tidy in order to allow the family to regularly clean and change the bed linen.
13. Do not use family belongings without their permission.
14. Living in a foreign country might make you feel homesick, in this case you may contact the School, we will try to help you. Please consider that Colegio Internacional Alicante does not contemplate accommodation cancellations neither refunds for this reason.
15. Host families welcome the students and will treat them like another family member to make them feel at home, but at the same time you should not forget that every country is different with different customs and languages so please try to integrate yourself, accept and respect the new habits in order to enjoy your stay as much as possible.
16. If you have any suggestions, comments or request please direct to the school administration. Thank you!

**Location:** How to find your lodging or the School?

[www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com)



**Lodging:** Accommodation is available prior to 12:00 midnight on the Sunday before the beginning of classes until 12:00 noon on the Saturday which follows them.

Under special circumstances, and only if it is available, we may be able to arrange for student to arrive or stay beyond the allowed dates. There will be a charge for the additional night. The request for such circumstances should be made to the school in advance.

Sorry but double bedrooms are only available for 2 people coming together.

Arrival information is required for all students to ensure that someone will be at home waiting for them when he or she arrives. Students must contact the School at least 1 week in advance in order to confirm the exact hour of arrival so we can organize a meeting time with the person in charge of the keys of the lodging. **Colegio**

**Internacional Alicante** will not be held responsible for any expenses due to late arrivals, change of plans or if the student did not contact the School with enough time. Accommodation is paid for the booked period.

As we are sending accommodation addresses well in advance of the student's arrival, unforeseeable changes may occur resulting in the last minute change of address. Should this happen, you will be informed.

More of the families and shared apartments are within walking distance, as is almost everything in Alicante.

Some students will have to use the bus 10 or 15 min.

Distance to the school will not be a reason to change your lodging.



**Lodging Rules:** Please read carefully.

1. Students will receive the keys of the apartment and the gate of the building upon arrival, which have to be returned upon departure, in case of losing the keys, the student has to pay for then.
2. The bedroom and the common areas of the apartment have been found in perfect conditions: clean and tidy.
3. Students who have booked accommodation by the school may change to another if he/she has valid reason. The distance between the lodging and the school will not be considered as a reason for

requesting a change. Students can change the lodging not the type of it. The school reserves the right to expel any student who does not respect certain rules in the diary coexistence.

4. All students have the right to ONE hot shower daily. Students in shared flats have to bring their own towels (we also recommend you to bring your own sheets. Inappropriate use of water will incur extra charges.
5. Students in shared apartments are responsible for keeping them clean. Students has to dedicate one day of the week to cleaning the common areas. Students must leave a clean apartment before their departures, otherwise the student must pay 50 € for the cleaning.
6. It is absolutely forbidden to entertain other people in the apartment (friends, colleagues, etc., or let others use the installations (shower, washing machine, etc.) The stay overnight is absolutely forbidden to any person that is not registered in the apartment.
7. The celebration of parties in the apartment is not allowed.
8. Please note that neither Colegio Internacional Alicante nor the landlord/landlady can be held responsible in any case of injury, accidents or robbery.
9. Any damage in the accommodation caused by the student has to be reported immediately to the School. If at his/her arrival the student finds any damage produced by former occupants and doesn't communicate it to the school the first day, he/she will be held responsible for the damage.
10. In case that none of the occupants takes responsibility for damage, the cost will be divided between all them.
11. Every week the owner of the apartment will visit the flat in order to check everything and resolve any problem.
12. A deposit of 100 € is required at arrival. The total deposit will be reimburse at the departure under the following conditions:
  - Leaving the room and the respective communal area in a clean and tidy condition.
  - If the student is not in the apartment at the settled time for the handing over, the deposit will not be refunded.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION you have a maximum consume in water, electric and gas, so an abnormal or inappropriate use of these services in the apartments will incur excess charges for: GAS, WATER ,ELECTRICITY.

To avoid excess charges please take care to:

1. Turn off lights and any electric items.
2. All water used is metered and heated by GAS or ELECTRICITY. Don't leave taps running or use shower in excess. Turn off gas cooker ring.
3. Use full washing machine.

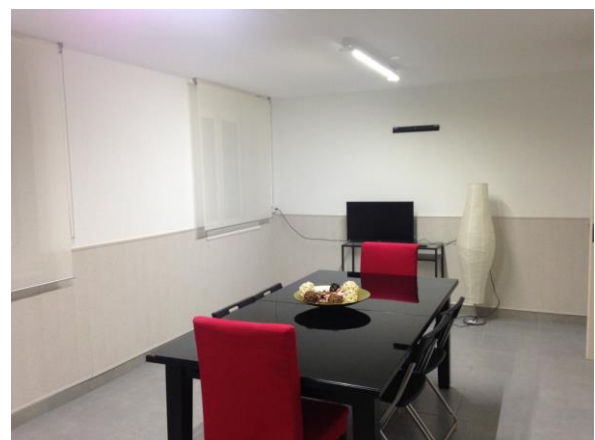
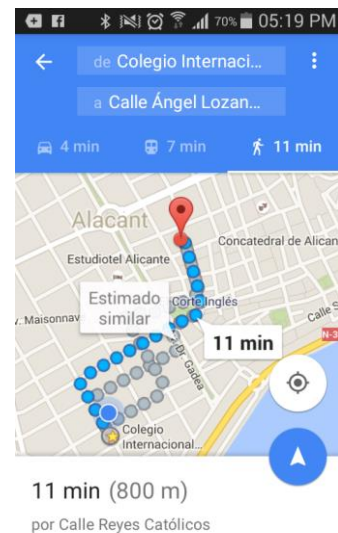
Booking an apartment through **the Colegio Internacional Alicante** means accept the above rules.

**Shared apartments:** The housegroups are a mix of different nationalities. This is a good way to practice your Spanish. You can share the apartment with other students from the School, other international students and even with Spaniards.

Apartments are comfortable, but basically furniture, don't expect luxuries. No meals are offered but each apartment has a kitchen with everything you might need for cooking yourself and doing your laundry. The students are responsible for keeping them clean and for bringing their own towels. We also recommend you to bring your own sheet but that is not necessary.

Please note than apartments a deposit is required and WIFI is not a free service.

**Photos:** Here you are some pictures of different apartments and their location:



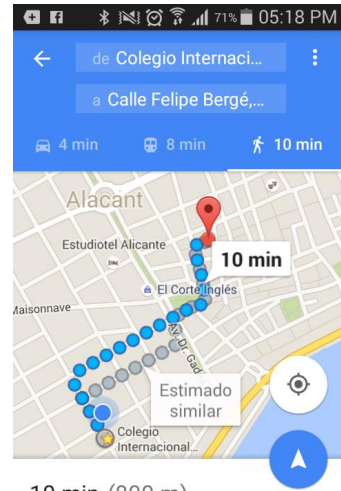
Dinning room



Kitchen



Bedroom 1



10 min (800 m)  
por Calle Reyes Católicos



Bedroom 2



Dinning room



Bedroom 3



Bathroom



Bedroom 4



Bedroom 1



Bedroom 2



Dinning room



Bedroom 3



Kitchen



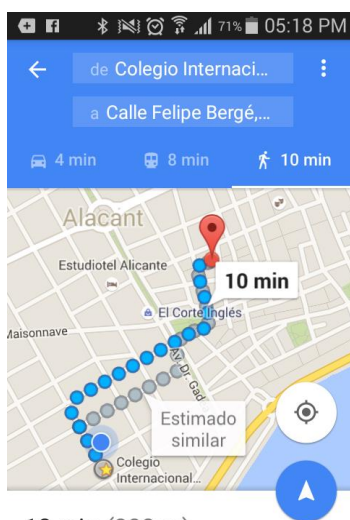
Bedroom 4



Bedroom 1



Bedroom 2



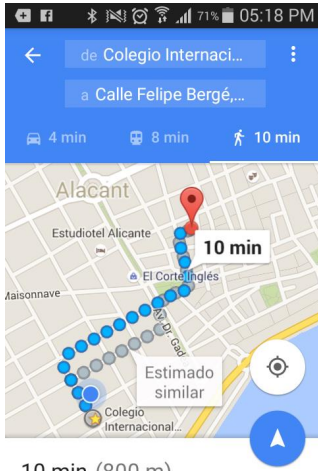
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Bedroom 3



Bedroom 1



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Bedroom 2



Dinning room



Bedroom 3



Kitchen



Bedroom 4



**Transfer service:** You can arrange airport pick-up from Alicante Altet International Airport and transfer to your lodging. This service can be booked Saturdays and Sundays, from 06:00 to -24:00h. If you have asked to be picked up at the airport please do not leave the hall. Somebody will be waiting there for you with a sign with your name when exiting the terminal. The transfer fee has to be paid even if the student does not arrive on the flight communicate to us. The school will be responsible for transfers if we know: Airline, flight number, time and date of arrival.

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