



# **Gay European Tourism Association and Sign Up launch Europe's first LGBT language courses**

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Learning Spanish has just got easier as GETA has partnered with Seville based language school, Sign Up, to create Europe's first ever language courses specifically planned for LGBT students.

The two and four week language courses combine Spanish lessons with an unforgettable gay experience in one of Spain's most gay friendly cities. Classes are open to all ages and focus on socialising, travelling and the culture of Spain, all taught by a gay teacher.

Students will stay in LGBT friendly apartments and be introduced to Seville's LGBT community and lifestyle as well as the city's Gay Pride parade. They will also get to visit local tourist hot spots, including the Roman city of Italica, the Arabic town of

Vejer and the White village of Carmona.

Seville was founded by the Romans, conquered by Muslims, and is now the capital of the Spanish region of Andalusia. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century Seville became the main port for trade with the Americas and Christopher Columbus is buried at the Cathedral of Seville.

“I visited Seville to speak at an event which explored ways in which it could welcome more LGBT travellers, and fell in love with the city” said Carlos Kytka, Executive Director of GETA. “This initiative is a great way for people to see this beautiful city, discover the gay life and learn how to speak Spanish. I hope it will be a model for more LGBT educational tourism throughout Europe”.

Mario Ruiz Legido, Commercial Director of Sign Up Language Institute, said “we wanted to create a very special language and cultural experience in Seville – different from the more mainstream programmes that other schools offer. Seville has great qualities as an LGBT destination: it is a gorgeous and safe city with cultural sites on every corner; *Sevillanos* are famous for their liveliness and joy for life and there is a very open and active gay scene. The programme so far has been an instant success and we are certain it is going to be extended to other European cities”.

Two week courses start from 1,315 Euros, including all courses, accommodation and visit programmes. Details are on [www.gayspanishcourses.wix.com/seville](http://www.gayspanishcourses.wix.com/seville).