



# Spanish Traditions

*Hannah Zeiler discovers why Spain's language programs draw the crowds*

Barcelona's fiesta of fire, called *Correfocs*

## Barcelona

**Barcelona — Spain's second largest city by size and population** — is situated on the northeastern coast of the Iberian Peninsula along the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean Sea, about 100 miles from France. The city's architecture is an assortment of modern and historical, the food is impeccable, the weather is pleasant, and Barcelona's hedonistic nightlife sizzles until dawn. It is no wonder people from all over the world flock to this sensational, well-preserved city.

Founded in 1985 as a Spanish school for foreigners, the goal of Kingsbrook Spanish School is for you to learn Spanish in a simple, pleasant, and efficient way, in an ideal environment like Barcelona. Kingsbrook receives students from all over the world, so the mixture of nationalities and cultures guarantees an international atmosphere, making cultural exchange natural.

Pylmon Languages specializes in Spanish for foreigners. At Pylmon, they strongly believe that the main engine when learning a language is the student, so they focus their teaching on awakening the innate qualities of each person to learn a new language. Their aim is to enable the student to actively communicate and

interact in a wide range of communicative situations and contexts while they get to know the culture of Spain. Pylmon offers personalized service in order to develop the student's self-confidence, thus maximizing the efficiency of learning.

## Salamanca

**Not far from Portugal, in the southwest corner of the** province of Castille and León in western Spain lies Salamanca, a city brimming with history and life. The architectural ambiance of the city remains untouched and is a part of the reason the city has been declared a "World Heritage Site" by UNESCO. Home to the oldest university in Spain and one of the oldest in Europe, it is this university that gives a unique flavor to the town. During the day, students are seen passing through the streets and studying in the quaint cafés while the night scene boasts a vivacious and youthful atmosphere. This university town is quite possibly one of the best places to enjoy the rich culture and language of Spain.