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Holiday Hit Squad

Spain for free

The Holiday Hit Squad team chanced upon a Spanish holiday where singles were most definitely welcome at no extra charge. There was, however, a small catch...



Join an English course

If your knowledge of Spanish is a little on the thin side, you might find this holiday in the beautiful rolling countryside appealing, where not only can you speak English, you actually have to!

Pueblo Ingles

If you do choose to visit Pueblo Ingles, in La Alberca, Salamanca, you get an apartment at no charge, plus full board, three traditional home-cooked Spanish meals every day, plus transfers and transport. So, what's the catch? When you arrive, you'll find that there are also twenty-odd Spanish people, hungry for you to teach them the intricacies of our beautiful English language.

Pueblo Ingles is an English immersion course for Spanish students to practice English without them having to travel abroad. English speakers are brought from around the world to live and converse with them.

Gift of the gab

Anthony remarked on the Spanish-speaking residents' zest for learning English, their grasp for the language, and how much they are enjoying it. He started to feel guilty that he didn't know any Spanish! He conversed about anything from politics, the Royal Family, to Victoria and David Beckham.

As the World Cup 2006 was being televised at the time, he even taught his pupils some typical English football lingo and soccer ditties, such as 'sick as a parrot', 'on me 'ead son', and 'going for an early bath'.

Verdict: Throughout the day, Anthony felt that everyone really bonded and friendships were forged, and even at 10.45pm, the group were still chatting away unabated over the dinner table. Proving that it's good to talk during this holiday in particular.

Pueblo Ingles: to find out more, log onto puebloingles.com

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