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## **They'll talk your ear off**

Officials with the program caution journalists not to characterize Pueblo Ingles as a free vacation for anglos -- "it often creates misconceptions about the program (there is not a lot of free time) and may attract the wrong type of people."

It's true that everyone in the program works hard. The day begins with a wakeup call at 8:15 a.m. and ends some time after midnight for most participants (long after midnight for many of the Spaniards who seem to have a superhuman ability to function with just a few hours of sleep). In between, Spaniards and anglos engage in 15 or more hours of conversation. By the end of the week you have learned most of the details of their work and family lives -- who has children, who is married, how they celebrate Christmas, where they travel on vacation, how they manage to work Spanish hours (long lunches and late work days) and raise families, even the details of the births of their children.

But many anglos take part in the program more than once. During our week, there were several who had been to Pueblo Ingles before, one who had been six times. It may not exactly be a free vacation, but it certainly is a rewarding one.

More information: See [www.puebloingles.com](http://www.puebloingles.com)

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When: 2007 programs begin in January and run throughout the year with multiple programs each week during the summer.

Special programs: Pueblo Ingles runs programs geared to doctors and teens.

Cost: There is no charge for anglos during the week on the program. They only costs include the flight to Madrid and a hotel during and after in Madrid. We spent about \$1,000 each, which included return flights from Ottawa and three nights (one before and two after the program) in modest but comfortable accommodations in central Madrid.