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FOUND IN TRANSLATION

These crash courses can enhance your next trip abroad

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"¿Dónde está el banco?" "Per favore, vorrei ordinare la colazione." "Merci beaucoup!" Whether you're looking for a bank near your hotel in Cancún, ordering breakfast at a café in Florence, or thanking the Parisian storekeeper who pointed you toward the Louvre, communicating in the local language can break barriers abroad. There's no better way to enrich your travels than by connecting through language. You could enroll in one of the courses offered at many of the Southland's colleges and universities, but those typically entail signing up for an entire semester or quarter. As an alternative, consider a program that gives you an intensive orientation in a few weeks or even a few days. In the programs listed, you'll speak only the target language in class. By the end of the course, you might be surprised at how well you *parlez la langue*.



RECOMMENDED



SCHOOL	WHERE	WHEN	LANGUAGES	COST
Baja California Language College (877) 444-2252 or (619) 758-9711 www.bajacal.com	Ensenada, Mexico	Courses offered year-round	Spanish, including executive immersion	Five-day courses of six hours per day cost \$279 per person for groups of two to five people or \$549 for private instruction. Six-day-long executive immersion courses cost \$829.
Berlitz Language Centers (800) 528-7929 www.berlitz.us	Worldwide, including 12 locations in California	Courses offered year-round	Most languages	Ten-week courses of two hours and 15 minutes for two days each week for groups of two to four people begin at \$1,299 per person.
Language Plus Executive Spanish Camp (915) 544-8600 www.languageplus.com	Cloudcroft, New Mexico; Ciudad Juárez, Mexico	April 21-29, 2006 (Cloudcroft) June 17-24, 2006 (Ciudad Juárez) Oct. 20-28, 2006 (Cloudcroft)	Spanish for business executives	Eight- or nine-day, full-day courses that include cultural activities and have up to 30 participants cost (per person, including lodging) \$2,270 at Cloudcroft and \$1,995 at Ciudad Juárez.

