



EL PERIÓDICO DE CANTERBURY ENGLISH

Happenings in Madrid



HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Welcome to the first edition of the new format of El Periódico de Canterbury English!

We'll be sending this out regularly with in-depth information about CE programs, tips for living in Madrid, first-hand accounts from successful students, Spanish language tips, and photos from Canterbury English group activities.

Our inaugural issue will devote a lot of real estate to **COVID-19 - including up-to-date information from the Spanish government and the WHO, the truth about who can and how to cross the border, and helpful links.**

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There's a link for that:

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[Consulate Announcement Sept 25, 2020](#)

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THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

COVID-19 is a hot topic globally in autumn 2020, and as such we wanted to address misinformation, disinformation, rumors and questions potential Canterbury English participants may have about COVID-19 in Spain and traveling to Spain in 2020,

"I'd heard you were dead."

"I heard you wear a red lace corset," I said matter-of-factly. "But I don't believe every bit of nonsense that gets rumored about."

— Patrick Rothfuss, **The Wise Man's Fear**

Is COVID-19 worse in Spain? Worse than what? As COVID-19 is a global health concern that has become associated with social and governmental politics, there is sure to be a talking point to meet the agenda of every speaker.

Viruses spread more readily in colder temperatures. The coupling of cooler weather and children returning to contained spaces in schools has precipitated increasing COVID numbers throughout the northern hemisphere - including Europe, North America, Russia, etc.

Well meaning friends and family may report videos they've seen of COVID-based riots in Spain. Those type videos exist for Italy, India, the USA, and other countries where people are experiencing quarantine-fatigue. "I haven't seen any rioting in Madrid," said CE Madrid Lifestyle participant Cecilia B, "even though I was out both Saturday and Sunday evenings."

In the box at the top left we've **included links** to a news article from Nov 2 that discusses Spain's COVID-19 numbers.

Sangria & Football in Retiro Park, 24 Oct



Is the Spanish border closed? In a word, no. In the box on the previous page, top left, we've included a link to the Washington, DC Spanish Consulate site referencing the announcement of 25 Sept and a printable document alerting airlines that travelers with Long Term (Type D) or Student Visas **are allowed** to enter Spain.

The visa you get when participating in a Canterbury English program meets this Type D criteria. The Type D entry allowance **even covers** participants from the USA, who have been denied entry into Europe since 17 Mar.

Are there any special travel instructions? In a word, yes. In the box on the previous page, top left, we've included a link to the Spain Travel Health Portal. You'll need to fill out the associated document to completion and receive a QR Code that you'll show before you're allowed to cross the border. There is a time limit - must be completed in the final 48-72 hours before arrival.

You may also need to get a rapid response COVID-19 test less than 72 hours before your arrival at the border - this is especially important if you're making flight connections through a country that requires the negative COVID-19 for travelers. Some US states, such as NY, also require health statements for airport travelers. Research traveler health requirements for any airports where you're making connections. We've also include a generic link on flying during COVID-19

And what about when I get to Madrid? In two words, who knows? Cases are increasing due to cooler weather and most EU countries are slowly increasing the level of lockdowns in response. Citizens in Madrid follow government rules for mask wearing, though social distancing may suffer as people are driven indoors. The European lockdowns of the spring worked to successfully flatten the spread of COVID-19, so it would not be surprising to experience these type lockdowns again this winter.

Canterbury English welcomes our participants who've come onboard since 1 September 2020

Amanda H – Australia
Cecilia B – USA
De'Ana G – USA
Douglas M – USA
Edison Miguel C – Philippines
Grace L – USA
Ken Z – USA
Matthew G – UK
Rebecca H – USA
Rohit S – India
Thirtza D – Haiti
Trisha E – USA
Vernon B – Bahamas

Vickie S – UK



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Idiomatically Speaking!

Here's a piece of Madrid slang you can add to your arsenal.

Los Viejos

Literally translated to The Old, or The Old People, it's an affectionate way to say "my parents".

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CANTERBURY ENGLISH OUTINGS AUTUMN 2020



Sangria & Football in Retiro Park, 24 Oct



Cantante sexy latino



Tapas and Flamenquito in La Latina, 1 Nov



Drinking sangria... again



Niñito Freddie at
Tapas and Flamenquito in La Latina, 1 Nov