



## **Gàidhlig Thall Thairis – Gaelic Abroad**

Ever fancied learning some Gaelic, Gaelic song, or develop your existing linguistic skills but have a mini-holiday at the same time? In pleasant, warm, picturesque surroundings? Well known Gaelic singers, tutors and Royal National Mod Gold Medallists, Gillebride Macmillan and Fiona J Mackenzie offer you the chance to learn something of the Scottish Gaelic language or Gaelic Song, deep in the heart of Andalucia, Spain. Even more uniquely, you will have the chance to improve your Gaelic AND your Spanish at the same time, if you want to. We are delighted this year to also offer you the chance to learn Gaelic using the Ulpan method and Gaelic Acting with Rhoda Meek.

### **The Course Dates;**

Evening of Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010 through to afternoon of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010.

### **The Course Venue;**

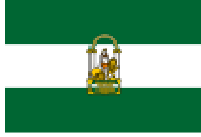
The Hotel Bandolero is situated in the beautiful white village of Juzcar in the Alto Genal, Andalucia, 20 minutes from the historic town of Ronda. The village is a peaceful, traditional village, completely untouched by the mass tourism of the nearby Costa del Sol, with Malaga airport being only 1 ¼ hours drive away.

### **Course Tutors;**

- Gillebride Macmillan, Mod Gold Medallist, comes from the Hebridean island of South Uist and works developing resources for Gaelic Medium Education teachers as well as being one of Scotland's most sought after Gaelic Singers. [www.myspace.com/gillebridemacmillan](http://www.myspace.com/gillebridemacmillan)
- Fiona J Mackenzie, Mod Gold Medallist, from Dingwall in the Highlands of Scotland, works developing opportunities for people to participate in Gaelic Singing activities, throughout Scotland, as well as performing and recording regularly throughout the world. [www.fionamackenzie.org](http://www.fionamackenzie.org)
- Rhoda Meek is a freelance Media, PR and Communications professional. A former BBC TV presenter, she now runs Meedoo Media, providing media services for small businesses, individuals and charities. Originally from Edinburgh, Rhoda is a native Gaelic speaker with family connections to the isle of Tiree. She has too many pets and an unfortunate social networking addiction.

### **The Course Subjects;**

- Gaelic and/or Spanish Language



- Gaelic Song through the medium of English
- Gaelic Song through the medium of Gaelic and/or Spanish
- Learning Gaelic through the 'Ulpan' method. Ulpan is the newest method of learning Gaelic in a relaxed, conversational environment. She will be teaching Gaelic using Ulpan
- Gaelic drama workshops.

and a special course 'Blas' or 'Taste', an introduction to the Gaelic Culture & Language including Song, basic language acquisition, geography, history etc. If interest is sufficient, it may also be possible to include a course in Hebridean Step dance.

The course will also allow for extra curricular events including song lectures on Gaelic writers, videos, BBQs, picnics and walks – all designed to increase

your vocabulary in an easy, non threatening way. There will also be opportunities for optional one-to-one masterclasses in both language and Song from both tutors.

Transport from Malaga airport can be arranged at extra cost. Cheap flights are available to Malaga airport from most international destinations.

### **The Course Costs and accommodation details;**

Students (numbers will be kept deliberately low to ensure a high student/teacher ratio) will be accommodated either within the Hotel Bandolero itself ([www.hotelbandolero.com](http://www.hotelbandolero.com)) or the 5 star Villa Ronda which is adjacent to the hotel ([www.villa-ronda.com](http://www.villa-ronda.com)) Both the hotel and the Villa boast good swimming pools.

The course package includes four full days tuition, full board accommodation for four nights, including breakfast, morning coffee, lunch (soup/salad, sandwich, fruit), and dinner-3 courses and bread and all extra-curricular meals – poolside BBQ's etc. The Hotel's Cordon Bleu Chef, Ivan, will personally ensure that all students have a superb gastronomic stay as well as learn some new linguistic skills! See the hotel website for further details of the hotel cuisine.

### **The inclusive course cost is €620**

Individual Master classes in language and song, lasting  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour can be booked for an extra €/\$30. These may be particularly suitable for those who might wish to perform or compete in Celtic festivals or Competitions such as the Royal National Mod.

A unique aspect of this course will be the participation by local village inhabitants in many of the events. The course will take place at the end of



Juzcar's month of Cultural Events and local people will be invited to attend the evening ceilidhs (relaxed social evenings of music, story, song and dance) and BBQs etc. Students will be positively encouraged to bring along all musical instruments, dance shoes, stories and jokes! This is an ideal opportunity to get to know more about the local area and its own native history and culture.