

Hotels That Help You Say Hola or Bonjour (and More)

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Learning the local language is a great way to get a sense of place, and some hotels today have programs for their guests to do just that. And these aren't your high-school foreign language classes: Travelers can immerse themselves in the dialect of their destination in fun and engaging ways.

There's no better way to learn a new language than in a relaxed vacation setting, according to Kristen Korey Pike, a travel adviser and owner of [KK Travels Worldwide](#) in Atlanta. "It's a hands-on way to get to know the place you're visiting, and it's such a cool thing to do," she said.

[Nayara Springs](#) and [Nayara Hotel, Spa & Gardens](#) in Costa Rica have a new Spanish immersion package for \$300: Guests who sign up receive a selection of Spanish books upon check-in, along with a Spanish/English dictionary, a private bird-watching tour in Spanish, a one-hour Spanish lesson focusing on Costa Rican culture and a Spanish lunch with a resort host. In addition, the staff at the properties communicates with these guests only in Spanish.

Guests at the [Belmond Maroma Resort & Spa](#) in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, can brush up on their Spanish or learn it anew: Those interested are given a bracelet; the resort staff knows that anyone wearing it wishes to communicate in Spanish. The property also offers a tequila tasting in Spanish. The bracelet and tequila tasting are \$65 a person each.

[Majestic Hotel and Spa](#) in Barcelona, Spain, has scooter tours of the city led by iPad guides in Spanish on a variety of themes, including culinary, art and history (50 euros, about \$60, per day, per family).

Children staying at [AndBeyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp](#) in Kenya can pick up some Swahili through the property's WildChild program, in which guides can help little ones track animals in this local language (free with a stay).

[Hotel Royal](#), in Evian, France, has a French immersion program for children (70 euros) that includes a two-and-a-half hour lesson with a French tutor, a screening of a children's film in French and a selection of French children's books.

And at [Royal Mansour](#) in Marrakesh, Morocco, children can partake in free treasure hunts and chocolate-making classes in Arabic, while adults have the choice of an Arabic tour of the property's gardens.