Spanish travel phrases

16 phrases with English meanings. Cover the Spanish column and try saying a reply yourself.

Ask for help

Hola.	Hello.
Perdón, ¿me lo puede repetir?	Sorry, could you repeat that for me?
¿Puede hablar más despacio, por favor?	Could you speak more slowly, please?

At a café

Un café, por favor.	A coffee, please.
¿Para tomar aquí o para llevar?	For here or to go? A question you may hear.
Para llevar, por favor.	To go, please.

At a restaurant

Una mesa para dos, por favor.	A table for two, please.
La cuenta, por favor.	The bill, please.
¿Puedo pagar con tarjeta?	Can I pay by card?
Solo en efectivo.	Cash only. A reply you may hear.

Find your way

¿Dónde está la estación?	Where is the station?
¿Está cerca?	Is it nearby?
¿Puede señalar la estación en el mapa?	Could you point out the station on the map?

Buy a ticket

Un boleto a [destino], por favor.	A ticket to [destination], please.
¿A qué hora sale?	What time does it leave?
¿Este autobús va al centro?	Does this bus go to the city center?

Replace [destino] with the place you are going. You may also hear billete for a travel ticket. Wording and replies vary by region and situation.

Your turn: say it, then write it

Use page 1 if you need help. Try the six prompts before checking the example answers on page 3.

1. Ask for a table for two.

2. Order a coffee, then say you want it to go.

3. Ask for the bill, then ask whether you can pay by card.

4. You missed the reply. Ask the person to repeat it.

5. Ask where the station is.

6. The server says “Solo en efectivo.” What does that mean?

One more conversation

Choose a destination. Ask for a ticket, ask when the bus leaves, then check whether it goes to the city center. With a partner, swap roles and change the destination or the answer.

Example answers

These are possible replies. Say each one aloud, cover it, and try the prompt again.

1. Una mesa para dos, por favor.

A table for two, please.

2. Un café, por favor. Para llevar, por favor.

A coffee, please. To go, please.

3. La cuenta, por favor. ¿Puedo pagar con tarjeta?

The bill, please. Can I pay by card?

4. Perdón, ¿me lo puede repetir?

Sorry, could you repeat that for me?

5. ¿Dónde está la estación?

Where is the station?

6. Cash only.

They accept cash. This does not mean that they take cards.

Partner round

Un boleto a Oaxaca, por favor. ¿A qué hora sale? ¿Este autobús va al centro?

A ticket to Oaxaca, please. What time does it leave? Does this bus go to the city center?

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