



## The Talking People Travel Phrasebook

Dedicated to my students and to people who love learning

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- ❖ I have gathered useful language for different kinds of situations so that you can get by whether you are traveling/travelling or you live in a tourist destination.
- ❖ Each podcast episode will be about a different situation. I will give my functional translation of the sentence in Spanish and then say the sentence in English, so you can practice functional translation after you have heard the episode a few times! I'm using the checklist format so that you can tick the ones you mastered saying!
- ❖ Feel free to send me more! Type "phrasebook" in the subject line of an email to eoi AT talkingpeople.net

### Episode 6: At the restaurant / beach bar

- A table for three, please.
- Do you have a reservation?
- Yes, we do. / I'm afraid we don't!
- Yes, we booked this morning.
- Can you wait on us, please?
- In a second, madam/sir.
- Are you being served?
- Are you ready to order?
- Yes, thank you. / Not yet, no.
- What would you like to have?
- What do you recommend? (straightforward)
- What would you recommend? (more polite)
- I'd like (name of dish), please.
- I'll have (name of dish), please. (Spontaneous decision)
- What's on the menu today?
- Does that include first course, second course, dessert, bread and a drink?
- Can I have another glass of wine, please?
- Could I have the (name of dish) without the garlic?
- What's this? Is it fish?
- Is it sweet or savory?
- Can we have some tap/bottled water, too, please?
- Spaghetti for me, please.
- Can we have some tapas?
- We just wanted to have a drink and some tapas. Would that be OK?
- Certainly / Yes, of course! Please, follow me. / Take a seat.
- Anything else? / Anything for dessert?
- Would you like some dessert?
- No, thanks. I'm OK/all right.
- Yes, please. I'd like...
- Why don't you try the (name of dish)?
- I think you'll love it/them! (informal)
- You might like it. It's one of my favo(u)rite meals. (very polite, not pushy)
- Have you tried the (name of dish)? It's really good.
- Try this! It's delicious!
- Did you like it? / Do you like it?
- Yes, I did. It was yummy!



- Not much, really. I don't like it. I'm sorry. It's too strong for me!
- Can we smoke here?
- Where can one smoke?
- Over there / Outside in the terrace.
- Do you have a light? / Have you got a light?
- Excuse me, where is the toilet?
- Could we have the check/bill, please?
- Can I pay by credit card?
- Excuse me, I think there is a mistake in the bill.
- We didn't ask for ... / You didn't bring the ...
- Enjoy your meal – Thank you
- Did you enjoy your meal? – Yes, we did. It was lovely / It was delicious.
- Everything was delicious except I didn't like this. Too oily for me!
- I love the atmosphere here.
- Can you smell the woodsmoke? They're preparing "espeto" – fresh grilled fish!
- Well, that was not too expensive! And it was delicious!
- This restaurant is a bit expensive, but the food/cooking is wonderful.
- So – are we going to complain? I'm not sure it's worth it...
- Please, waiter. My meat is raw / not done / cold...
- I would like to speak to the person in charge / to the manager / to the owner.
- I'd like to make a complaint.
- I'd like to complain about ...
- We're very sorry, madam/sir.
- Would you please accept our apologies?
- It's on the house.
- Don't be afraid. It's a street seller. She's selling "biznagas", which is an amazing thing!
- Here, let me buy you one! "Por favor, señora, ¿me da una? ¡Gracias!" Here, smell! It's so fragrant!
- It's not a flower! It's got lots of jasmine flowers stuck a stalk. It's the frame, a dry thistle.

Watch how biznagas are made!

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