

Dates and More

Expressing dates in Spanish requires knowledge of the names of the days of the week and the months of the year and a good command of cardinal numbers.

DAYS

When a person asks “¿Qué día es hoy?” he or she is asking for the day of the week. The appropriate answer begins with “Hoy es . . .” (“Today is . . .”) followed by the day:

Spanish	English
<i>lunes</i>	Monday
<i>martes</i>	Tuesday
<i>miércoles</i>	Wednesday
<i>jueves</i>	Thursday
<i>viernes</i>	Friday
<i>sábado</i>	Saturday
<i>domingo</i>	Sunday

Using Lowercase

The Spanish days of the week and months of the year are not capitalized unless they begin a sentence. The Spanish calendar starts with Monday. Use the masculine, singular definite article *el* + singular day of the week to express “on” a particular day:

Vamos al centro el sábado. We’re going to the city on Saturday.

Use the masculine, plural definite article *los* + plural day of the week to express “on” when speaking about the day in a general sense:

Vamos al centro los sábados. We go to the city on Saturdays.