Language guides

A recent survey showed that tourists really appreciate being greeted in their own language. We Brits are not famed for our language skills but Pride & Passion is trying to help by providing a quick and easy online guide to the most basic everyday phrases in Chinese, Gaelic, Russian, French, Spanish, German and Italian. (And we've not forgotten to include our own Scots language guide!)

We've deliberately kept it to greetings and courtesy words – not too much to learn in a short time but enough to create a good impression and show visitors that we recognise the effort they're making in using our language.

Just scroll down to see what we've got. There's even a phonetic guide to help with the pronunciation.

We would love to hear from anyone who can share their knowledge of a language we haven't covered, so drop us a line if you can help.

Hope you find it useful. Good luck..... Buena suerte!

Simple Spanish

The excellent thing about Spanish is that you pretty much 'say what you see' when it comes to pronunciation. Remember that 'h' is silent and 'j' is pronounced like the 'ch' in our Scottish word 'loch'. Where there is an accent you put the stress on that vowel eg 'adiós' is pronounced 'adi**o**s' and not 'ad**i**os'

English	**Spanish**	**Pronunciation**
Welcome!	bienvenidos	byen-venIthos
Hello	Hola	ola
Good morning	Buenos días	bwenos dEE ass
Good evening	Buenos tardes	bwenos tArdeys
Good night	Buenos noches	bwenos nOtches
Yes	Sí	see
No	No	no
Thank you	Gracias	grassy-ass!
Please	Por favor	por fah-VOR
Sir	Señor	sen yOr
Madam	Señora	sen yOra
Goodbye (till later)	Hasta luego	asta loo-AYgo
Goodbye (on leaving)	Adiós	a-diOss
See you next time	Hasta la próxima	asta la prOx-ima
Safe journey	Buen viaje	bwen vi-ACHE - ch like 'loch'
Can I help you	Le puedo ayudar?	lay pwedo ayood-AR
Do you speak English	Habla usted inglés	abla oost-ED eeng-LESS
The bill	La cuenta	la cwenta