

San Sebastián, Spain



Airports: San Sebastián, Bilbao (1 hour) or

Biarritz (50k)

**The train is also an option, please let us know which
train station for your arrival.**

*If you want to include a Paris trip with
your study plans, San Sebastián (station 20 km. away) is on
the Paris-Madrid route with the TGV train.*

About Spain

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You will find that Spain is an incomparable place to learn Spanish through a complete immersion Spanish program. For the Spanish language learner Spain provides a variety of fun and fascination that few countries can match. With its abundance of colorful fiestas and never-ending nightlife, its complete spectrum of scenery, and its well preserved heritage, Spain is one of the world's favorite destinations. It is an excellent place for you to learn Spanish, as the quality of the Spanish language schools is outstanding. Language Link offers a variety of locations - Madrid and its incomparable nightlife, Seville and its Andalusian charm, San Sebastián and its European flair, and Valencia's coast. The people of Spain are relaxed and fun-loving, the beaches long and sandy, the food and drink full of regional variations, and the climate is generally sunny.

Geographically it is quite diverse, with the beaches of Barcelona and San Sebastián, the central plains of Madrid, and the sun warmed hills of Seville and Córdoba in the region of Andalucía. Culturally, it is filled with everything from Roman aqueducts to Moorish castles. Some of the world's greatest art and architecture is here, and the country vibrates with many kinds of music.

A common question is about the difference between Spanish as spoken in Latin America and the Spanish as spoken in Spain. There are small differences in regional vocabulary, and one difference in pronunciation. *ci* and *ce* in Spain are pronounced as "th" instead of *s*, so *plaza* is said as *platha*, and *gracias* will sound like *grathias*. Barcelona becomes *Barthelona*. It's a very small change to which you can easily adjust. The Spanish which is taught in all our programs in Spain will be a standard, classic Spanish with grammar and vocabulary which will comfortably take you everywhere in the Spanish speaking world.

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About San Sebastián

To visit San Sebastián, in the Basque country on Spain's northern coast, is to fall in love. The first sight of the shimmering bay, replete with crescents of golden sand and turquoise waves, will sweep you off your feet. Pairing this natural beauty with the unrivalled local cuisine, from Michelin starred feasts to bite sized pintxos (Basque tapas) may leave your head spinning.

The city will be putting its best foot forward for years, as it was named a 2016 European Capital of Culture. San Sebastián or Donostia in Basque is 20 km away from the border of France and on the coast of the Bay of Biscay. Not overly large, the city's population is about 200,000.

It is one of the most famous tourist destinations in Spain. There are many events which take place here, such as the International Film Festival and Jazz Festival, giving the city an international prestige. Meanwhile, the larger province blends sea and mountains, offering the traveler landscape, sports and cuisine, as well as interesting monuments.

A common question is about the language spoken in the Basque areas. Yes, there are two official languages – Basque (Euskara) and Spanish. Signs will be in both languages. About 30% of the population speaks Basque, but almost everyone speaks fluent Spanish.

The Basque language is a language isolate, not belonging to any language family but constituting its own language family. Grammatically, it is the most complex of any language in the world. Even many Basques who speak Spanish as a first language have extreme difficulty learning the language. What you will learn at the school is standard Spanish, and you will hear it everywhere and learn to speak a very useable Spanish. All the while, it's interesting to over- hear a snippet of conversation in Basque along the street.

In brief, San Sebastián is a beautiful, cosmopolitan city with a strong Basque character, and filled with cultural events. The fishing boat regatta tells us something of the tradition, while the prestigious film and jazz festivals say a great deal about its international allure. It's a fascinating place to study Spanish!

- Perfect sized city: big enough for urban life and small enough to feel a family atmosphere
- 20 kms from French border - easy access by train and car
- 3 urban beaches and close to the Pyrenees - surfing and hiking available all year round and skiing in winter
- Cool temperatures in winter and summer - perfect to study and for outdoor activities
- Green city, safe, with lot of history and gastronomic capital of Spain
- Local Basque Culture, international festivals (Jazz, classical music, Cinema), Football Championships

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About The School

Lacunza (part of the International House organization) is a Spanish school that has become the most prominent school in the north of Spain and the only one that has obtained the CEELE quality certificate. Lacunza is a medium sized school with 40 to 60 students in winter, autumn and spring and from May to September from 100 to 160 students.

It is fully accredited through the strict quality standards of the International House organization and through this affiliation, it has all the resources for the latest advances in methodology, teacher training, and materials for different types of students. Other accreditations include: Bildungsurlaub Certified by the Federal State of Hamburg, FEDELE and Cervantes Institute Accredited.

Located in the center of the city, the facilities are planned to facilitate learning and communication in a pleasant, modern atmosphere. Facilities include an open air terrace, free wi fi access,

an expansive social area and library, 18 air conditioned classrooms, 6 computers for student access, audio visual equipment. Next door is the modern Mundaiz Gym. Lacunza students receive a significant discount on membership.

Style of teaching

All instructors are native-speaking, certified professionals that work effectively in teams and on their own to offer an exceptionally high level of language instruction. The methodology, is focused on practicality and application of the language. Lacunza also uses their own detailed teaching programs which are adapted to each student group. This way, apart from having great teachers, they also offer a unique school style. The result is that students learn and have fun doing it.

Levels offered – All levels of Spanish are offered, from complete beginners to advanced. You will be given a placement test to determine your best position in a group class.

Class size and hours – 12 students maximum.

Classes begin at 9:30 am. Materials – included in your course cost and prepared by the school

Students

Coming from 40 different countries, about 20% of Lacunza's students are from the USA, with Europeans being the highest percentage. The minimum age is 17 (but there is a special Junior Program for ages 14 - 16). There is a wide range of ages and backgrounds.

Some adults come as couples or with a friend, but many arrive unaccompanied and are quickly able to find interesting friends both in the school and in the city. The reasons for studying are just as varied...some for professional purposes, others for travel, and even those who just enjoy the cultural and intellectual stimulation.

Calendar

If you are not a beginner you can start on any Monday. However, we strongly recommend that you choose an official start date. If you do not start on an official start date, you will not have your orientation until your second week. Beginners MUST begin on any of the below start dates.

January 5; February 2; March 2, 30; April 13; May 4, 25; June 8, 22; July 6, 20; August 3, 17; September 14, 28; October 19; November 9, 30; December 14.

2026 Holidays (no classes held)

January 1 to 2, 6, 20; March 19; April 3, 6; May 01; July 25, 31; August 15; November 1; December 6, 8 25.

Winter Break starts on Friday December 18th and classes will resume on Monday January 04th 2027

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- More than 35 years teaching Spanish to foreigners
- Leading Academy in the Basque Country with international recognition (Cervantes, International House, IALC, FEDELE)
- Part of Bildungsurlaub, CSN and Erasmus+ programs
- Proud of our learning method that guarantees success.
- Comprehensive offer of Spanish courses (intensive, business, exam, juniors, lifestyle...)

Spanish+ lifestyle courses: (not compatible with super intensive courses)

Spanish+ surfing: Add to your Intensive Course. (min 4 students) 5 hour of surfing a week. Board and neoprene included

Spanish + gastronomy: Add to your Intensive Course (min 4 students) 3-hour course in the most prestigious cooking school in San Sebastian.

Non-suitable for vegans. Includes a 4 meal cooking class + dinner + drinks and recipes.

Materials

All materials, except for A1 (beginner) is included. Total beginners can buy textbooks 25€ or rent them for free.

Courses

- Intensive Group: 20 group classes per week
- Super Intensive Groups: 20 group classes per week plus the choice of 5, 10 or 20 private classes in addition to your group class.
- 50+ Super Intensive: 20 group classes plus a mini group of 50+ students doing themed activities and excursions. 2 week course.
 - January 12, May 4, September 14
- Private classes (minimum of 10 hour block)
- Teen Course (all inclusive - see brochure)
- Children's Course (various options - see brochure) June 1 to August 28



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Accommodations

All accommodation options have a 50€ placement fee
Accommodation is booked from Sunday 2 PM to
Saturday 11 AM unless stated otherwise.

Low season runs from Jan 01st to June 01st and from
Sept 15th to Dec 31st.

High season runs from June 02nd to Sept 14th.

Double rooms are only available for students
travelling together and displayed prices are per
person.

Half board includes breakfast and dinner

Special diet in families has a 25€ supplement per
week and is subject to availability.

Private bathrooms have a 50€ supplement and are
subject to availability.

- Host families (30 minutes by public transportation). Choose from no meals, breakfast and half board.
- Shared flat (30 minutes by public transportation, no meals).
- Residence Hall (4km to school bus or bike lane). Breakfast or breakfast and dinner option.



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COURSES

REGISTRATION FEE	60€
INTENSIVE GROUP (20 HOURS)	195€
INTENSIVE GROUP PLUS 5 PRIVATE	355€
INTENSIVE GROUP PLUS 10 PRIVATE	495€
INTENSIVE GROUP 30 (10 HOURS IN MINI GROUP)	340€
50+ SENIOR SUPERINTENSIVE (GROUP - MINI GROUP) TWO WEEK COURSE: JANUARY 12, MAY 4, SEPTEMBER 14	425€
PRIVATE LESSONS (PURCHASED IN 10 HOUR BLOCKS)	390€
SURFING 5 HOUR SURFING LESSONS	109€
GASTRONOMY 3-HOUR COOKING COURSE	135€

THERE IS A 35€ WEEKLY SUMMER SUPPLEMENT ON ALL INTENSIVE AND SUPERINTENSIVE CLASSES FROM JULY 1 TO AUGUST 30

CHILDREN AND TEEN PROGRAMS

FROM JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 28

TOTAL BEGINNERS ACCEPTED:

JUNE 1 - JUNE 22 - JULY 13 - JULY 28 AND AUGUST 17

AGES 6 TO 9 (DAY AND OVERNIGHT OPTIONS)

AGES 10 TO 13 (DAY AND OVERNIGHT OPTIONS)

AGES 13 TO 17 (ALL INCLUSIVE)

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ACCOMMODATIONS

ACCOMMODATION FEE	50€
HOST FAMILY SINGLE ROOM NO MEALS	210/260€
HOST FAMILY SINGLE ROOM BREAKFAST	265/295€
HOST FAMILY SINGLE ROOM HALF BOARD	325/360€
SHARED FLAT SINGLE ROOM NO MEALS	210/260€
RESIDENCE HALL BREAKFAST	325/390€
RESIDENCE HALL HALF BOARD	420/505€

ACCOMMODATION IS BOOKED FROM SUNDAY 2 PM TO SATURDAY 11 AM

LOW SEASON RUNS FROM JAN 1ST TO JUNE 1ST AND FROM SEPT 15TH TO DEC 31ST
(HIGH SEASON RUNS FROM JUNE 02ND TO SEPT 14TH) (THESE ARE THE FEE
DIFFERENCES YOU SEE IN THE PRICES)

HALF BOARD INCLUDES BREAKFAST AND DINNER

SPECIAL DIET IN FAMILIES HAS A 30€ WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT PER WEEK AND IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

PRIVATE BATHROOMS HAVE A 60€ WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT AND ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

AIRPORT TRANSFER

BILBAO AIRPORT	195€
BIARRITZ AIRPORT	140€
SAN SEBASTIAN AIRPORT	90€
HENDAYE IRUN TRAIN STATION	95€
SAN SEBASTIAN TRAIN STATION	50€

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