

Welcome to San Sebastian, Spain!



2009 Dates: Begin any month!
(call Andeo for specific start dates)

2009 Prices:
€ 1350 for 4 weeks, € 3475 for 12 weeks
(prices slightly higher in July and August)

Additional weeks : € 310/week

San Sebastian

San Sebastian is a lively city and the cultural capital of the Basque country. It offers a rich palate of cultural events, beaches, mountains, folklore, remarkable customs and traditions, important musical and cinematic events, and countless festivals. San Sebastian is also known for its fabulous cuisine, especially the *tapas!*

The Language Institute

Located in the heart of the city, the language institute is less than 10 minutes from the beach, the city center, and the bus and train stations. During breaks you can sip a *café con leche* and get to know other students in the open-air terrace. There are sixteen air-conditioned classrooms and a social area with a library of books, magazines and newspapers.

The Classes

All classes are taught by native speakers who have been trained in teaching Spanish as a foreign language. The emphasis is on developing communicative skills. Your program includes four 45-minute Spanish lessons daily, maximum of 12 students per class. It also includes an orientation and tour of San Sebastian, a student discount card, an activities program and free internet access.

Cultural Activities

Afternoon activities may consist of visiting the aquarium and old part of town, a trip to the Fuenterrabia fishing village or the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, or taking a cooking or surfing class. Plan to budget a little extra for the optional activities and excursions.

Special Option: Spanish and Surfing!

Take advantage of San Sebastian's beautiful beaches with daily surf lessons! This option includes everything you need to get out on the waves: board, wetsuit, insurance, and a hot shower in the winter. Surfing courses are possible year-round. Call for details and more options!



Accommodations

Your Spanish fluency will improve daily as you share conversations with your host family. You will live with a family that has been carefully selected, in a home that is within walking distance or a short bus ride to school. Accommodations include breakfast each day, dinner can be arranged at an additional €44 per week.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the cost include? Application processing, pre-departure orientation materials, homestay placement with breakfast every day, some cultural activities and on-site support are included in the cost. All materials are included for students who are non-beginners. If you are a beginner, you may need to purchase a textbook for \$20.

Can I study if I am a beginner? Yes, beginners can participate in this program.

When will I receive my host family placement information? You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your class starting date.

Will there be an orientation? Yes. You will receive comprehensive orientation materials from Andeo prior to your departure. Upon arrival in San Sebastian, local staff will be available to answer your questions and help you get settled in.

Will I have access to email? Yes, the campus offers free access to the wi-fi connection.

Will the institute be closed for any holidays? Yes. The dates are: January 1, 6, and 20, March 19, April 10 and 13, May 1, July 31, October 12, December 8 and 25.

Can I get credits for studying abroad? Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher looking for professional development, you can get credit for your studies abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by We Study Abroad, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit www.westudyabroad.com for more information.

Do I need travel insurance? We strongly recommend that you get travel insurance that includes a medical plan. Prices depend upon trip length and participant age. You can compare different policies online or by contacting your local travel agent.

Can I speak to people who have participated in the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with emails for students who have participated in this program before.

How do I apply? To apply, complete an initial application and return it with a \$300 deposit. You can download an application at www.andeo.org. This deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date.

What is your cancellation policy? If you cancel your program more than 45 days prior to your start date, we will refund the amount you have paid toward your program fee except for the \$100 non-refundable deposit and any cancellation fees charged by the language school. The cancellation fees vary from school to school, so please feel free to ask us about the fees that apply to yours. For cancellations made less than 45 days prior to your program start date, your \$300 deposit will be forfeited, and you will also be responsible for the cancellation fees charged by the language school. If Andeo cancels your program, you will receive a full refund.

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