



**An unforgettable summer
in San Sebastian**



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**International
House**
San Sebastián



Why study **spanish**?

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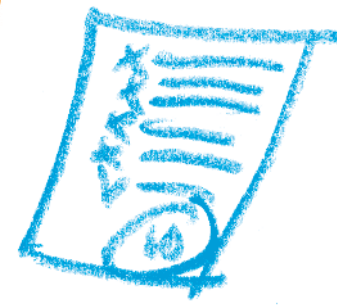
- Official language in 22 countries
- 2nd largest native language in the world
- 2nd most used language in international communication
- 3rd most used language of the Internet
- Ideal investment for my future career



The Junior Summer Course is great opportunity for teenagers aged between 14 and 17. Our teen students benefit from a **full immersion** in Spanish language, culture and everyday life through a fantastic combination of **conversation based classes, fun filled activities and living with a Spanish host family**. By spending the summer learning and improving their Spanish, they'll have **memories to last them a lifetime and language skills that are an investment in their future!**

Summer **spanish** checklist

- ✓ Understand and speak Spanish better than ever before
- ✓ Meet international friends who I can keep speaking Spanish to
- ✓ Take interesting photos of all of my exciting activities
- ✓ Visit multiple cities in Spain and France
- ✓ Translate Spanish for my family and friends when traveling
- ✓ Ready to pass my next Spanish exam

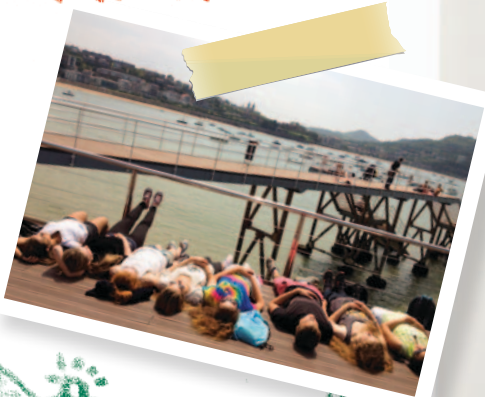


Welfare

The students' wellbeing is managed by the Program Coordinator and additional Activities Monitors. The Program Coordinator is on call 24 hours a day with an emergency mobile number. For their safety, students must carry their host family card with them at all times as it includes the host family's name, address and phone number.



San Sebastian is a fun & safe place to study Spanish!



01. Safe City: Friendly and inviting city that's really safe to walk around during the day and evening!

02. Easy To Get Around: Medium sized city that's easy to navigate and has an extensive summer public transport timetable.

03. Ideal Location: Only 20kms from France and well connected to Pamplona, Vitoria and Bilbao.

04. Great Outdoors: The city boasts both beaches and mountains just 5 minutes from the city center. You can easily go surfing, swimming or hiking!

05. Foodie Heaven: Try the local version of tapas – a pintxo – as an afternoon snack for only 2€.

06. La Parte Vieja: A pedestrian area full of fashionable clothes shops, souvenir shops, traditional bakeries and some of the best hot chocolate and churros in the city.

07. Famous Festivals: During summer, the city hosts Zinemaldia (San Sebastian International Film Festival), Jazzaldia (International Jazz Festival) and Semana Grande (San Sebastian Summer Festival)

08. Running of the Bulls: Join us in July and you'll spend a memorable day in Pamplona experiencing the world famous Running of the Bulls!

09. Cultural Fusion: A "different" Spain with the addition of Basque culture and language. Although 25% of people speak Basque, everyone speaks Spanish and there's have no problem chatting with locals!

10. Weather: Mild temperatures in summer mean you'll never be too hot or too cold - a summer average of 22°C/ 72°F.

Lacunza^{ih}

For more than **25 years**, Lacunza IH has been lucky enough to host different teenagers of ALL ages from ALL over the world ALL summer long. Although every student is different, they all have one thing in common: to immerse themselves in the Spanish language and culture through classes, activities and home stays. **We welcome both groups and individual students!**

Lacunza IH San Sebastian is an **International House member** and is **accredited by Instituto Cervantes**. American High School students can earn **credit points** for their diploma via The University of Southern Mississippi (Department of Foreign Languages and Literature).

The course is run in our summer premises adjacent to our main school. We have 18 air conditioned classrooms all with HiFi, multimedia room, computers with Internet access and free WiFi, library with books and DVDs, and a spacious terrace with snack and drink machines. The school is located next to San Sebastian's **largest park** and is a **5 minute walk to the city center** or a **10 minute walk to the beach**.

Spanish language classes



- Classes are fun, interactive and practical with Spanish used constantly in the classroom.
- Emphasis on comprehension, conversation and interaction ALL in Spanish.
- Classes are engaging and use visual materials (films, music, radio), Internet and educational games.
- Small classes (max of 12 students) facilitate close student relationships and personalized teacher attention.
- Almost 19 hours of Spanish language classes each week.
- The 5th class each day is a practical experience dedicated to devising a project in Spanish (song, dramatization, advert, interview) which is presented on Friday afternoon.
- Teachers are experienced and native Spanish speakers.
- Teachers are university graduates and have been trained to teach Spanish as a foreign language to younger learners using the IH methodology.
- The Director of Studies, in consultation with the Senior Teacher Trainers, develops the academic study program.
- Course completion certificate stating Spanish level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.



Living with a spanish host family

Students are placed in host families **specially selected for teenagers**, most of who have been working with us for years. All families are required to sign a contract ensuring our accommodation standards are met and must provide a police background check. All housing is located in **safe, residential areas** and is within **walking distance** to the school or has **easy access by bus**. Students can have their own **individual room or share with a friend** and most include WiFi. **Breakfast and dinner are with the family** and students take a **packed lunch** to school.

Host family checklist

- ✓ EMBRACE and participate in the typical lifestyle, diet and daily schedule of my Spanish host family. The food might be different to what I eat at home but this is an exciting international experience!
- ✓ INTERACT with the family and speak as much Spanish as I can at meal times.
- ✓ ENJOY free time at home to watch TV and listen to the radio to help my vocabulary.
- ✓ RESPECT my host family and their rules including my curfew and bedtime.
- ✓ PROMISE to keep my bedroom and bathroom clean and tidy as I am living with a host family and it's considered important in Spanish culture.
- ✓ STAY IN TOUCH my host family for years to come!

Weekday timetable

08.00 – 09.00	Breakfast
09.00 – 09.30	Walk or catch the bus to Lacunza IH
09.30 – 11.00	Spanish Class 1 & 2
11.00 – 11.30	Morning Snack Break
11.30 – 13.00	Spanish Class 3 & 4
13.00 – 13.15	Afternoon Snack Break
13.15 – 14.00	Spanish Class 5: Practical Project
14.00 – 15.00	Lunch with Program Coordinator
15.00 – 19.00	ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) SPECIALIST COURSE or free time (Tuesday & Thursday)
19.00 – 19.30	Pick-up or head back to host family
19.30 – 20.30	Homework & Revision
20.30 – 22.00	Dinner with host family
22.00 – 23.00	Evening with host family playing board games, watching a film or going for an evening walk together (14 & 15) OR Evening walk & ice-cream with friends (16 & 17)
23.00	Bedtime!



Activity program

Each year the Activity Program is developed by the Program Coordinator in conjunction with past students and the Director General. The activities are conducted in Spanish and are supervised by the Program Coordinator and Activities Monitors. Transport and ticket costs are included.

The Activity Program includes 3 afternoon activities during the week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), and a full day excursion on Saturday. The afternoons are organized to visit the city's landmarks and enjoy its cultural, social and recreational facilities while the full day excursions often involve a trip over the border to France or visiting important cities in Basque Country.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays students are encouraged to sign up to do a Specialist Course while on Sundays they spend time with their host family.



Afternoon Excursions

Getaria
Hendaye (France)
Hondarribia
Las Pasajes
Zarautz
Zumaia

Tasty Treats

Chocolate Museum (Biarritz or Tolosa)
Hot Chocolate & Churros
Picnic at Palacio Miramar
Picnic on Santa Clara Island
Pintxo Tour

Sports

Beach Sports
Cesta Punta & Pelota (Basque Handball)
Football / Soccer
Hiking routes of the Camino de Santiago
Kayak
Martial Arts
Merengue
Salsa
Stand Up Paddle
Surf
Zumba

City Highlights

Aquarium
Bike Tour
Boat Trip
Monte Urgull & Views
Monte Igueldo & Vintage Amusement Park
Panoramic City Tour
Treasure Hunt

Cultural Immersion

Balenciaga Museum
Film Premieres
Naval Museum
Planetarium & Science Museum
Real Sociedad Football Stadium & Museum
San Telmo Museum

Saturday Day Trips

Biarritz (France)
Bilbao + Guggenheim Museum
Cuevas de Sara (France)
Gernika + San Juan de Gaztelugatxe
Pamplona + San Fermin
St Jean de Luz (France)
Vitoria (capital of Basque Country)

Famous Festivals

International Film Festival
International Jazz Festival
Running of the Bulls
Semana Grande Summer Festival

Specialist courses

We offer Specialist Courses which allow students the chance to learn a new skill while improving their Spanish. The courses are a supplement to our Junior Summer Course and are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There is a 1 week minimum enrollment. Courses include Surfing, Kayaking, Football, Dance and more!

Sample activity program



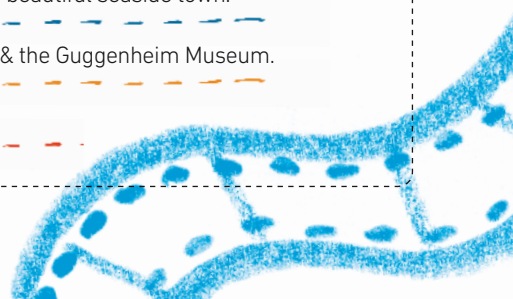
WEEK 1

MONDAY	15.00 – 19.00	Monte Igueldo / Visit one of the oldest Amusement Parks in Spain & take in the beautiful views.
TUESDAY	15.00 -16.30	OPTIONAL Surf Course / Enjoy this Specialist Course & try your hand at surfing at Zurriola Beach. OR Paseo Nuevo / Join the locals and walk around the coastal pathways while enjoying an ice-cream.
WEDNESDAY	15.00 – 19.00	San Telmo Museum / Visit the Basque Culture & History museum then have a delicious hot chocolate & churros.
THURSDAY	15.00 -16.30	OPTIONAL Surf Course / Enjoy this Specialist Course & try your hand at surfing at Zurriola Beach. OR Aquarium / Explore the aquarium & discover sea creatures, sharks & even Nemo!
FRIDAY	15.00 – 19.00	Las Pasajes / Visit the fishing town of San Juan & enjoy a boat ride around the bay.
SATURDAY	ALL DAY	Biarritz & St Jean de Luz (FRANCE) / Visit French Basque Country known for its beaches & great shopping!
SUNDAY	ALL DAY	Host Family / Day out exploring Basque Country with host family.



WEEK 2

MONDAY	15.00 – 19.00	City Treasure Hunt / Explore & discover San Sebastian with this fun group activity!
TUESDAY	15.00 -16.30	OPTIONAL Kayak Course / Enjoy this Specialist Course & kayak around the picturesque La Concha Bay. OR Monte Urgull / Head up the mountain in the middle of the city for a picnic lunch & great views.
WEDNESDAY	15.00 – 19.00	Cesta Punta & Pelota / Try your handball at Basque handball – one of the fastest ball sports in the world!
THURSDAY	15.00 -16.30	OPTIONAL Kayak Course / Enjoy this Specialist Course & kayak around the picturesque La Concha Bay. OR La Parte Vieja / Spend the afternoon discovering the Old Town & shopping for souvenirs.
FRIDAY	15.00 – 19.00	Hendaye Beach (FRANCE) / Enjoy beach sports & swimming in this beautiful seaside town.
SATURDAY	ALL DAY	Bilbao / Visit Bilbao to see its charming buildings, football stadium & the Guggenheim Museum.
SUNDAY	ALL DAY	Host Family / Day out exploring Basque Country with host family.



LACUNZA

Summer Camp



Held in a safe **student residence** in a quiet village just 10km from San Sebastian, Lacunza Summer Camp provides the perfect combination of nature adventures, city activities and Spanish classes for **kids aged 7 to 15**. Our **overnight camp** includes: full room and board with 5 meals daily, 15 hours of Spanish lessons per week, complete calendar of activities and excursions, 24 hour supervision and much more.

Make friends from around the world!

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[Vk.com/lacunza](https://vk.com/lacunza)

How to get to San Sebastián

We highly recommend booking a return trip transfer for our teenage students. They are met at the pick-up destination and dropped off at their host family's home. This service helps to alleviate concerns and worries for individual students and groups.

PLANE:

SAN SEBASTIAN AIRPORT (EAS)

RETURN TRANSFER AVAILABLE.

BIARRITZ AIRPORT (BIA)

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BILBAO AIRPORT (BIO)

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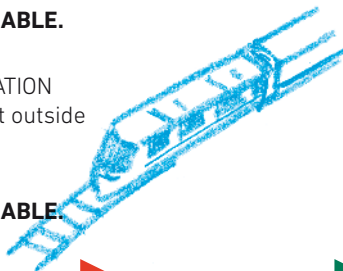
TRAIN:

SAN SEBASTIAN TRAIN STATION

A **TAXI RANK** is located just outside of the train station.

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