

Homestay Study Program in San Sebastián, Spain

2010 Dates and Prices*

Dates: June 6–August 28

Choose the length and dates of your program. Arrive any Sunday and stay for 2-6 weeks.

Two week program: \$2,370

Additional weeks: \$880
(airfare not included)

*We reserve the right to adjust program prices if there is a major change in the currency exchange rate. In this case, applicants may cancel and receive a full refund.



Program Highlights

- small-group language classes
- exciting cultural activities and excursions
- homestay with a welcoming host family
- opportunity to experience the Basque culture

San Sebastián, Spain

Welcome to the cultural capital of the Basque country! You will find some of the best beaches in Europe within a short walk from impressive historical buildings. Enjoy the great views from Mount Igueldo, relax in the Miramar park, or sample some *pinxtos*, traditional appetizers, in a cozy café.

The Classes

Take your Spanish to the next level through fun, interactive language classes. In five classes each weekday, you will work on speaking skills, comprehension, and grammar basics. Classes consist of 4-12 international high school students. The school is located close to Cristina Enea park and the lively district of Egia.

Cultural Activities and Excursions

Discover San Sebastián and learn about the Basque culture through afternoon activities and excursions. From about 3:30 to 7:30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, you may bike around town, have a picnic on Santa Clara island, visit a typical fishing village nearby, or play sports on the beach. This is also a great time to meet other teens from around the world. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are free time to spend with your new friends.

Accommodations

A homestay with a local family is the best way to immerse yourself in the daily life in Spain. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, but what they all have in common is a strong interest in sharing their culture. Breakfast and dinner are included.

"I absolutely loved my host family. They were very patient with my Spanish and tried to help me a lot.

My favorite part of the trip was meeting people from all over the world."

~Hannah, 2008~

Sample 2-Week Itinerary

Week One

Monday -	bike tour around town
Tuesday-	free afternoon
Wednesday-	aquarium and Urgull stronghold
Thursday-	free afternoon
Friday-	trip to Zurautz
Saturday-	Kayaking on the Orio river
Sunday-	free time with host family

Week Two

Monday -	play Frontón
Tuesday-	free afternoon
Wednesday -	movie show and churros
Thursday -	free afternoon
Friday -	trip to the cliffs of Zumaia
Saturday -	Bilbao & Guggenheim museum
Sunday -	free time with host family



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Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for this program? This program is open to students 16-17 who have studied Spanish for the equivalent of at least two years in high school. San Sebastián is a great choice for older high school students who want to experience a very special part of Spain with a distinct regional culture.

What does the price include? Tuition for the language course, study materials, homestay placement with meals, cultural activities and excursions, travel insurance, pre-departure orientation materials, and on-site support in Spain.

What is a host family? A host family may be two parents with children (from baby to adult), a single mother or father, a couple without children, grandparents, or a single person. All host families are screened by our partner organization in Ecuador and provide warm, welcoming homes for international students. There may international student sharing the home-stay with you.

Will my family speak English? They might, but they know that you are coming to use and improve your Spanish skills, so they will encourage you to speak their language.

When will I receive my host family placement information? You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your arrival date, possibly earlier.

How will I get from the airport to my host family? A local program coordinator will meet you at the airport in San Sebastián and take you to your host family's home. Airport pickups in Bilbao and Biarritz are also available. Please contact us for details. You will also be escorted back to the airport at the end of your stay.

Will there be an orientation? Once you are accepted into the program, we will send you comprehensive orientation materials that cover everything from packing suggestions to dealing with culture shock.

Can I get high school credits for this program? Possibly. Talk to your teachers before the end of the school year about the option of completing an independent study project during or after your stay abroad.

What travel documents will I need? That depends on the length of your program, your citizenship, and other individual factors. Entry requirements change frequently, so we strongly recommend that you contact your nearest Spanish embassy or consulate to get up-to-date information. Generally, U.S. citizens need a passport, but not a visa for a short-term stay. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary travel documents for your stay in Spain.

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

How do I apply? Complete the initial application form and return it to ANDEO with a \$500 deposit. We will then send you a detailed application packet including questions about your interests and goals, a medical statement, and the program rules. We also ask for three references, a photo collage, and a letter to your host family in their language. You will have about 3-4 weeks to complete everything. The decision to accept you into the program will be made based on your detailed application. If for any reason we cannot accept you into the program, your deposit will be refunded in full.

What is the application deadline? The deadline is May 1st. Courses sometimes fill earlier so we recommend that you apply as soon as you feel that all your questions have been answered and you decided that this is the right program for you.

Who should not apply for this program? Students who are currently experiencing excessive behavior problems, drug or alcohol abuse, eating disorders or other psychological disorders that might interfere with the program, or students who have experienced these issues in the past year should not apply.

When should I book my flight? After you have been officially accepted into the program. Information about arrival and departure times will be included in your acceptance letter.

Are there any scholarships? No, ANDEO is a non-profit organization and we try to keep prices as low as possible for all participants. For students who want to fundraise for their program abroad, we have compiled some ideas and suggestions. You can find them on our website at www.andeo.org.



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