

Spanish & Basque Culture

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JAN
12th to 24th



Morning classes
+ Activities



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Join us in San Sebastian for two weeks where Spanish learning is combined with a full cultural immersion. Through 20 group lessons with students of your same level and a varied program of activities, you will experience first-hand the traditions, gastronomy, and heritage of the Basque Country.

Outside the classroom, each day will take you to emblematic places in the city and the region: museums, fishing villages, local festivals, and gastronomic experiences. A course designed for those who want to improve their Spanish while diving authentically into Basque culture.



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2 weeks
classes (Mon-Fri)

425€/week

+ enrolment fee 60€
Min. 6 students per week & course

Activities



Old Town Tour and Tamborrada

On your first day, you'll discover San Sebastián's Old Town, the historic heart of the city. Narrow lively streets, baroque churches, and a festive atmosphere that comes alive with the Tamborrada, the city's most important celebration, where drums and barrels mark the rhythm of the day.



San Telmo Museum and Harbor

Located in a 16th-century convent, the San Telmo Museum is the best gateway to Basque history and culture. After the visit, you'll stroll along the fishing port, a symbol of San Sebastián's close connection with the sea.

Dinner at a Gastronomic Society with Tamborrada Songs

Gastronomic societies are unique institutions in the Basque Country: private spaces where locals cook, eat, and sing together. Thanks to Lacunza, you'll have the chance to take part in one of these exclusive dinners, accompanied by traditional Tamborrada songs.



Antiguo Neighborhood

Beyond the Old Town, the Antiguo neighborhood shows the evolution of the city and the daily life of its residents. A cultural walk combining history, architecture, and local tradition.

Excursion to Getaria

Getaria is a charming fishing village and the birthplace of Juan Sebastián Elcano. You'll wander its old streets and harbor, discover its seafaring culture, and taste pintxos paired with the famous txakoli wine.



Route of the Three Temples

On this full-day excursion you'll visit three of the most emblematic temples in Euskadi: the Sanctuary of Loiola, Zumarraga, and Arantzazu. Art, spirituality, and nature come together in this unforgettable itinerary.

Excursion to the French Basque Country

Just a few kilometers from San Sebastián, you'll discover towns like Saint-Jean-de-Luz or Hendaye. An opportunity to experience Basque culture from the French perspective, with its markets, architecture, and gastronomy.



Cider House and Tasting

Visit a local cider house to learn about the process of making Basque cider. The tour ends with a traditional tasting, poured directly from the barrel with the classic txotx ritual, accompanied by regional products.

Chillida Leku

This open-air museum dedicated to sculptor Eduardo Chillida is a cultural gem set in nature. You'll walk among monumental sculptures that dialogue with the surrounding meadows and woodlands.



RECOMMENDED BARS

Explore the city's legendary bar scene. From traditional pintxos to stylish cocktails, these spots capture the true spirit of San Sebastián—one bite (and sip) at a time.



Atari,
Sport,
La Cuchara de
San Telmo,
Txepetxa,
Gandarias,
Borda Berri,
La Viña...



10 phrases to start in Basque

Euskera	Español	English
Kaixo	Hola	Hello
Agur	Adiós	Goodbye
Eskerrik asko	Gracias	Thank you
Mesedez	Por favor	Please
Bai	Sí	Yes
Ez	No	No
Egun on	Buenos días	Good morning
Arratsalde on	Buenas tardes	Good afternoon
Gau on	Buenas noches	Good night
Zer moduz?	¿Cómo estás?	How are you?



Excursion to Gernika and the Peace Museum

A symbol of Basque identity, in Gernika you will visit the Casa de Juntas and its famous oak tree. At the Peace Museum, you'll learn about the historical context that inspired Picasso's "Guernica."

Bilbao and Guggenheim Museum

The final excursion takes you to Bilbao, a city of contrasts between tradition and modernity. The visit to the Guggenheim Museum, the iconic building designed by Frank Gehry, will be the perfect ending to two weeks of culture and learning.



Beginners



If you're a complete beginner in Spanish, we recommend taking a few classes beforehand to fully enjoy the cultural activities in our program—either in your local area or with us through online or phone-based lessons.

Timetable



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Jan

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Sample Timetable (activities subject to change according to final city programming)						
Week 1						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9.30 13.00	Spanish classes in mixed-age groups, organised by level	Spanish classes in mixed-age groups, organised by level	Spanish classes in mixed-age groups, organised by level	Spanish classes in mixed-age groups, organised by level	Spanish classes in mixed-age groups, organised by level	The Rout of 3 temples Group leader included Transport Visit to Loiola, Zumarraga and Aranzazu.
13.00 14.00	Spanish workshop (45 mins)	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	Spanish workshop (45 mins)	FREE TIME	FREE AFTERNOON
14.00 15.00	FREE TIME			FREE TIME		
15.00 17.00 (aprox)	Guides visit to the Old Town and historical explanation of the "Tamborrada" Includes: Group leader	Visit to Museo San Telmo and The Port of San Sebastian Includes: Group leader Public transport Ticket to San Telmo Museum	Introduction to the local "Tamborrada" festivity songs + Dinner in a Basque Cooking Club Includes: Group leader Public transport Dinner	Visit to Hondarribia Includes: Group leader Public trasnport Pintxo	A walk around Antiguo Neighbourhood. Includes: Group leader	FREE AFTERNOON
Week 2						
9.15 13.00	Spanish classes in mixed-age groups, organised by level	Spanish classes in mixed-age groups, organised by level	Spanish classes in mixed-age groups, organised by level	Spanish classes in mixed-age groups, organised by level	Spanish classes in mixed-age groups, organised by level	09:00 -12:00 Visit Bilbao & Guggenheim Museum. Group leader Guided Tour in Bilbao Ticket to the museum Optional extra: lunch/transfer to airport
13.00 14.00	Spanish workshop (45 mins)	FREE TIME	Spanish workshop (45 mins)	FREE TIME	FREE TIME	FREE AFTERNOON
14.00 15.00	FREE TIME		FREE TIME			
15.00 17.00 (aprox)	Half day trip to the French Basque Country Includes: Group leader Public trasnport	Whatch the famous "Oitagorra" Tamborrada Includes: Group leader	Half day trip to Getaria Fisherman town: Includes: Group leader Public trasnport	Chillid Leku guided tourIncludes: Group leader Ticket to the museum	Gernika & the peace Museum Includes: Group leader Public trasnport	



How to get here



Flights to



EAS | San Sebastian 20km
BIO | Bilbao 105km
VIT | Vitoria 100km
BIQ | Biarritz 40 km
PNA | Pamplona 92,5km

Train lines



Barcelona - San Sebastian
Madrid - San Sebastian
Paris- Hendaye - San Sebastian

By road



A1 | Madrid- San Sebastian
AP8 | Bilbao- Irun
A 63 | Paris-Irun
AP15 | Pamplona - San Sebastián

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