

Welcome to Bilbao, Spain!

**2009 Dates:
Begin any Monday!**

**2009 Price Estimate
for 12-Week Program:
\$5,625**

4-Week to 12-Month Programs Possible!



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Bilbao

Surrounded by mountains and beautiful beaches, Bilbao is one of the most vibrant cities in Spain. It is famous for its university student life, cultural attractions (Guggenheim Museum!), gardens and architecture. It well deserves its nickname, "The capital of joy and satisfaction."

The Language Institute

You will study at an institute that is located in a historical building very close to the city center, near Abando Station and the Arriaga Theater. It is convenient to Bilbao's excellent public transportation system. Student services include a computer room, free internet access, a study room and a café.

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 in a relaxed, family atmosphere. Your program includes four 50-minute Spanish lessons daily. The average class size is 5 and the maximum is 10 students per class. The program also includes an orientation and a program of cultural activities.

Cultural Activities

Free afternoon activities include guided city tours, cultural events, movies in Spanish and festivals. You may also want to budget a little extra for the optional activities and excursions such as water sports, horseback riding, golf, sailing and horseback riding!

Special Option: Volunteer Opportunities

Deepen your understanding of Spanish culture by volunteering in the community. Available placements include supporting a local nonprofit organization, helping out at the humane society, assisting in a beauty salon or a an art museum, and teaching English. 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. Homestay accommodations include half-board.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the cost include? Application processing, pre-departure orientation materials, homestay placement with half-board, 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 session in Bilbao? Yes. On your first day of class you are invited to attend an orientation meeting on campus.

Will I have access to email? Yes, the school has a computer room, and all students can access email and the internet.

Will the institute be closed for any holidays? Yes. The dates are: January 1, February 26, May 1, August 15, October 12, November 1, December 6, 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 institute. The cancellation fees vary from program to program, 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 institute. If Andeo cancels your program, you will receive a full refund.

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