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Bilbao, Spain 2008 Homestay/Study Program



ABOUT ANDEO - INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAYS

Don't just study a foreign language, live it! Portland-based, non-profit ANDEO (formerly International Summerstays) has specialized in homestay programs for students since 1981. We work with select partners in Spain to provide personalized, educational and high-quality homestay/study programs.



SPANISH PROGRAM IN BILBAO, SPAIN

Located in the Basque country, Bilbao is one of the most important cultural areas in northern Spain. The city offers wonders like the San Nicolas de Bari hermitage, the Guggenheim Museum, the panoramic terrace of Begoña, and the Orillas de Nervion market. This program includes weekday afternoon activities and weekend excursions. Living in a homestay will give you the opportunity to practice your Spanish as you make friends and learn about the Spanish lifestyle, food, and culture.

PROGRAM DATES: Two / Three weeks in Summer, 2009

***ESTIMATED PRICE:** Two weeks - \$2,150 / Three weeks - \$2,900

These prices include:

- Transportation in Spain
- Individual homestay placement in Bilbao with all meals
- Spanish language classes: Monday – Friday, 4 hours/day
- Weekday activities may include visits to the Guggenheim Museum, castle explorations, beach getaway, mountain region tour, and more
- Weekend excursion to locations like San Sebastian and Castro fishing village
- Pre-departure orientation materials
- Comprehensive medical and emergency return insurance
- Group trip delay insurance
- One chaperone's costs
- 24-hour emergency contact number and email updates while the students are in Spain

*Estimated prices based on a minimum group size of ten students and one teacher chaperone.

These prices do not include airfare. We will coordinate flights from the city of your choice to Bilbao. Contact us for a price that includes airfare. Airfare is estimated from \$1525, depending on the departure city. Final price will vary depending on actual group size, additional activities and excursion, and airfare (airline taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change until final purchase).

PREREQUISITES:

This program is open to students who have studied Spanish for the equivalent of at least two years in high school and who meet the program requirements. Please see the Behavior Agreement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Complete the reservation form and return it to Andeo along with a \$300 deposit by the reservation form due date. This will reserve your place in the program contingent upon satisfactory completion of the application process. You will then receive a detailed application packet by email that will be due approximately 4 weeks later.

**SAMPLE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

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| November 15, 2008 | \$300 (with reservation form) |
| January 15, 2009 | \$1,500 (with completed application packet) |
| March 1, 2009 | \$1,500 |
| May 1, 2009 | Final balance due |

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If a student is not accepted for the program, all payments will be refunded in full.

If a student cancels his/her application, the following policies apply:

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| Before completed application due date: | \$100 of \$300 deposit will be refunded |
| After completed application due date: | Full refund less \$300 deposit and any non-refundable costs incurred for the airline ticket and program.* |

*Airline tickets must be purchased at least 90 days before departure and are non-refundable. If a student has followed the payment schedule and cancels after tickets have been purchased, he/she will receive the ticket. Refund and rebooking terms vary.

All cancellations must be received in writing at the ANDEO office by the cancellation date.

OTHER:

- You are responsible for paying for and obtaining your own passport.
- You will be asked to provide three written references, one from your Spanish teacher, one from another teacher/coach/school administrator, and one from another adult (not a family member).
- We recommend that you bring about \$100-\$150 per week for spending money to cover the cost of meals in transit, snacks, personal items, and souvenirs.

Questions?

Please call or email ANDEO International Homestays
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Bilbao, Spain Itinerary

3 weeks in Summer 2009



Monday to Friday

9:30am-1:30pm: Small-group Spanish classes
1:30pm-3:00pm: Lunch
3:00pm-Evening: Afternoon activity, see below
Evening: Return home for dinner and time with host family.

WEEK ONE

Sunday Arrive in Bilbao and meet host families!
Monday Visit to Archanda Mountain by Funicular, Casco Viejo (old town), and a cathedral
Tuesday Visit Puente Colgante (oldest hanging bridge in the world)
Wednesday Visit Museum of Fine Art, then free time to shop
Thursday Enjoy the beach!
Friday Free time with group in the afternoon and evening tapas in Casco Viejo
Saturday Excursion to San Sebastian

WEEK TWO

Sunday Free day with host family
Monday Explore the Bilbao Metro system; free time with group
Tuesday Enjoy the beach!
Wednesday Visit the Guggenheim Museum
Thursday Free time with group and salsa dance class
Friday Visit fishing village of Plentzia
Saturday Excursion to Castro, a fishing village famous for fish tapas

WEEK THREE

Sunday Free day with host family
Monday Surfing lesson
Tuesday Visit Maritime Museum, then board a fishing boat and a merchant boat
Wednesday Free time with group and visit "El Mundo" newspaper office where you will help make the paper.
Thursday Enjoy the beach!
Friday Receive certificate for completion of Spanish program and free time to enjoy your last day in the city as a group. Evening tapas farewell party
Saturday Return to USA

This itinerary is tentative and subject to change.

