



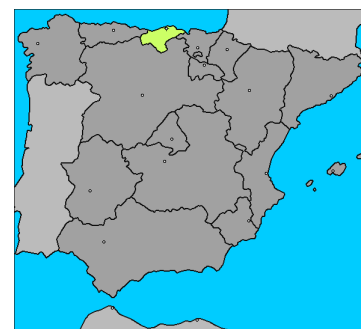
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Useful Information

Santander

The city of Santander is the capital of Cantabria, a region that is one of the top destinations for Spanish tourism thanks to its wealth of nature and landscapes combining the ocean and high mountains, its different ecosystems, excellent cuisine and a wide range of sporting, cultural and leisure activities for all ages.



Medical insurance

Students from member nations of the European Union are recommended to bring their European Health Insurance card with them so that they can use the Spanish Public Health Service, if necessary. They could obtain the EHIC card by contacting the health insurance institution where they are insured in their home country.

All those students from any other non-EU country should ensure that their social security system or private system covers them in Spain before they arrive.

Students without health cover in Spain are recommended to take out medical insurance before they travel.

How to get to Santander

⇒ By air - Santander Airport

Santander airport is five kilometres from the city.

Tel.: +34 942 202 100. <https://www.aena.es/es/seve-ballesteros-santander.html>

Taxis from Santander Airport

The taxi rank is located across from the arrivals terminal at Santander Airport. Taxi drivers are aware of planned flight arrivals and are always there waiting outside. The journey from the Airport to Santander costs around €25.00.

Radiotaxi Tel.: 942 333 333.

Buses from Santander Airport to Santander Bus Station

- Stops: Next to the arrivals terminal entrance.
- Journey time: 15 minutes.
- Timetable: From 8:30 am. and every 30 minutes until 20:30 pm. which is the last departure.
- Approximate price: €2.90
- Information line: 942 211 995 web: www.alsa.es

By air - Bilbao Airport

Bilbao airport is 108 km from Santander (around 1 hour 15 minutes away). It offers domestic and international flights.

Airport tel.: 944 869 664 <https://www.aena.es/es/bilbao.html>

Buses from Bilbao Airport to Bilbao Bus Station (Termibús)

The **Bizkaibus Airport-Bilbao** (Line A3247), bus line links Bilbao airport to Bilbao Bus Station (Termibus).

- Timetable: from 6:00 am. to midnight, every 30 minutes.
- Approximate price: €3 (one-way)

Buses from Bilbao Bus Station (Termibús) - Santander

After arriving to Bilbao Bus Station (Termibus), you should take a bus to Santander.

The bus line which operates (Bilbao-Santander) is ALSA. www.alsa.es

- Journey time: 1 hour 30 min. (approx.)
- Approximate price: 7 € (one-way)

⇒ Travel from Madrid - Santander

Flying – Madrid Airport

- Journey time (Madrid - Santander): The journey takes around 55 minutes.

Tel.: 902 404 704 / 91 321 10 00

<https://www.aena.es/es/adolfo-suarez-madrid-barajas.html>

Train

- The national train company is RENFE and its information line is: 902 320320. Web: www.renfe.es
- Journey time: 4 hours 15 min. (approx.)
- Approximate price: €50 (one-way)

Trains on the Madrid - Santander route depart from Chamartín Train Station:

C/ Agustín de Foxá, s/n. Madrid.

Bus

- ALSA CONTINENTAL-AUTO company operates the Madrid – Santander route. Web: www.alsa.es
- Journey time: 5 hours 30 min. (approx.)
- Price: around €35 (one-way)

Buses for the Madrid - Santander route depart from the Avenida de América Bus Station, also known as the *Intercambiador Avenida América*, and it is located at:

Avenida América, nº 9. (Madrid). Tel. 902 42 22 42.

Map of Santander



Other useful information

Climate

The climate in Santander is humid oceanic.

Humidity is fairly high throughout the year and can reach 90% at times.

In **winter** the average temperature is 10°C, with lows of 6°C.

The **summers** are very mild with temperatures not generally hitting above 25°C.

Currency

Spain uses the euro. Money can be changed for euro at the airport or at any bank branch.

Banks

Open 8:30am to 2:30pm (Monday to Friday), except from the “Semana Grande” (July 18 – 27, 2025) when they close at midday.

Time Difference

The time in Spain (mainland and the Balearic Islands) is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1).

Electricity

Mains electricity in Spain is 220 V / 50 Hz.

City Buses

A single bus ticket costs €1.30.

A rechargeable card can be purchased at tobacconists with a minimum €6.60 credit (10 journeys).

Useful Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Tele-taxi: Tel.: 942 369 191

Radiotaxi Santander. Tel.: 942 333 333

Train station: Plaza de las Estaciones. (Santander). Tel.: 902 240 202

Bus station: C/ Navas de Tolosa, 1. (Santander). Tel.: 942 21 19 95

Airport: Avenida de Parayas, s/n. (39600 Maliaño). Santander. Tel.: 942 202 100

Santander Town Council. Plaza del Ayuntamiento, s/n (Santander). Tel.: 942 20 06 00

Emergencies: 112

Tourist information: <http://www.turismodecantabria.com/>



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