



# SPANISH & SURFING

## SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN

### PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

San Sebastian is the perfect location for students to learn Spanish. It's also a great place to learn how to surf. This program provides students with both Spanish and surfing lessons for a chance to have a complete cultural experience of the language while participating in your passion. This unique program offers exciting hands-on surfing lessons, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.



#### **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

A family resort town of long standing and resting on the bay of La Concha in northwestern Spain, San Sebastian is surrounded by rolling low hills and has three very nice beaches. The average temperature in summer is around 22C°/72F°, with winter coming in at 8C°/47F°. The town offers endless possibilities to enjoy your free time: lively nightlife, the Alde Zaharra or Parte Vieja (Old Part) romantic walks along the beach, the Castle or the Wind Comb, excursions, museums, exhibitions, 40 cinema theaters, cultural centers, and the congress center just to name a few.

A stop at the Brecha Market is a must, a traditional market which now a shopping and entertainment center, but fresh local products are still available. The name "Brecha" refers to the market's location, the point in the old city wall where the Anglo-Portuguese artillery opened up a breach (brecha) during the 1813 siege. Constitución Square, or the "Consti" as the locals call it, is a great place to relax and people-watch.

San Sebastian is not short on festivals either, with something new happening all year round: a Jazz Festival, International Film Festival and Horror Film Festival, and of course Carnival.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Spanish & Surfing Program in San Sebastian, students will explore the landscape off the coast of San Sebastian, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for surfing in to one incredible life-changing experience.

### *What's Included*

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** Minimum 1 week; 10 Spanish lessons per week of 90 minutes each.
- **Surfing:** Surfboard, wetsuit, minimum 5 lessons
- **Social activities**
- **Lodging:** Homestay, apartment, hotel, guest house
- **Placement Testing**
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Welcome Pack**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage \*\***  
\*\* See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

## **FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

### **STUDY PROGRAM**

Small group classes of no more than 12 students will participate in discussions, group-activities, oral practice, written work, and a variety of other learning techniques to ensure a complete education. Each group course is catered to your Spanish level and will cover everything from daily conversational topics to advanced expressions.

To optimize your time, we maintain small study groups with a maximum of 12 students per teacher. The core course consists of two 90 minute group classes taught 5 times per week for a total of 15 hours per week. While this is an excellent way to learn Spanish, if you wish to accelerate your learning, we have individual sessions available to complement your group lessons.

### **SURFING PROGRAM**

San Sebastian is a great place to learn how to surf. We are blessed with Zurriola beach at our doorstep- a beach that caters to learning surfers but also offers more than enough for experienced surfers on some days. It is taught Monday through Friday, with 1 hour daily lessons under the instruction of an expert. All materials are provided (board, wetsuit, insurance, and a hot shower in the winter). This course is offered year round.

## **LODGING**

### **HOMESTAY**

Complement your Spanish studies by living with native speakers. Living with a family is without a doubt the best way to get to know the Spanish culture and practice your Spanish outside of school hours. This option is perfect for those looking for a unique and memorable experience during their studies in San Sebastian.

We have a large number of extremely responsible and trustworthy families with various lifestyles to ensure you live in a situation that best suits your characteristics.

### **SHARED APARTMENT**

This is the most independent option. You will have your own room with a desk and all the amenities and you will share the communal facilities (living room, kitchen, bathrooms, washing machines...) with your flatmates. Although the school cleans the communal facilities every two weeks, you will still be expected to carry out your share of housework (cleaning, washing up, taking down the garbage, etc...)

These apartments are usually small flats with basic, modest facilities. Please note that with this housing option you will either live with other students from the school or with local residents of San Sebastian. The school cannot guarantee either option, but your preference will be considered when assigning your apartment. If you have a preference, please specify it in the registration form where it says: "Other information (diets, allergies, health, requests)".

### **PRIVATE APARTMENT**

The school can rent a private apartment for you and/or your group by following these instructions. As this can take some time, please let us know two months in advance of your course. This is a service provided only to our students during the length of their course with us. Prices stated are prices for full months and include general expenses (gas, electricity, community, local taxes) at normal consumption levels. Apartments have to be paid in advance.

All apartments include, unless stated otherwise: Cooking facilities, dishes, forks, pans and frying pans, etc.; Blankets, bed, linen... But not always towels; Fridge, washing machine and oven.

Our apartments do not usually have: telephone, bread toasters, electric coffee machine microwave oven and vacuum cleaner. Usually they have just basic furniture.

### **HOTELS AND HOSTELS**

There are numerous hotels and hostels nearby. The NRCSA school will be happy to make recommendations.

## **PRICE RANGE**

Cost of minimum 1 week Spanish program, surfing lessons and equipment, lodging and meals options ranges between:

**\$936 → \$1,085\*\***

\*\*Cost ranges according to lodging and meals

## **ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES**

U.S. citizens traveling on regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

## **ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS**

A variety of complementary activities aimed at leisure and free time are offered at the center. Entrance fees may be applicable.

Activities may include:

- City tours
- Museum visits
- Sporting events
- Nature hikes
- Parties
- Festival celebrations

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the SPANISH & SURFING PROGRAM in SAN SEBASTIAN, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrcca.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.