



Spain

LACUNZA

City: San Sebastián

Population: 180,000

School Name: Lacunza

School Location: Historic district

Website: www.spanishabroad.com/sansebastian.htm

- Unique history and culture
- Beautiful beaches
- Charming architecture
- Romantic atmosphere
- Great food and entertainment
- Easy access to France
- Numerous ongoing cultural activities

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Lacunza is a Spanish Language School located in the heart of the historic center of San Sebastián. Nearby you will find the cathedral, the pedestrian walking area, numerous shops, restaurants, bars, and of course the beautiful city beach just 5 minutes away by foot. The school was founded in 1980's, and today has established a reputation as an excellent school. In 1998 the school became a part of the prestigious world wide organization known as International House. Today students enjoy the quality and professionalism of friendly school. In addition, the school now resides in a newly constructed building, with well designed classrooms, library, a multimedia room, and a comfortable break area. If you want to study Spanish in a unique location and at a great Spanish language school, Lacunza is an excellent choice.

SCHOOL FACTS

- Newly constructed building
- Excellent language instruction
- Five minutes from the beach
- Located near many attractions

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Standard Program. Group instruction, 4 lessons per day, 12 students maximum per class. Depending on the time of year, and the number of students in the school at the time of your program, classes may be offered in either the morning or afternoon. Note: During Most times of the year, classes will be held in the mornings.

Intensive Plus 5 Program. This program is the same as the Standard Program with one exception. With this program you will get an additional lesson per day of private instruction. In total, 4 lessons per day in a group setting, plus one private lesson per day.

Mini Group Program. Small group instruction, 6 lessons per day, 6 students maximum per class. This course is designed for people who have little

time available, or who are highly motivated and need to advance rapidly in a short space of time. This course only takes place in July and August.

Individual Language Training. Can be used for business Spanish or another specialized topic.

Teacher Training. An advanced level of Spanish is required to take this course, due to the fact that it is mainly aimed at those who wish to teach the language. This class is a practical preparation for becoming a Spanish teacher. You can choose either an intensive course for 3 weeks or an extensive one for 5 months. Including 60 hours of theory and 45 hours of practical teaching experience with volunteer students. You will have a class tutor and guidance for preparing lessons. Academic credit is available through the University of Barcelona.

Other Programs offered:

Methodology and Culture for Teachers
Executive Crash Course in Spanish
Basque Language and Culture Course

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay. Homestay's allow you to get to know the Spanish way of life from the inside. Learning about the customs, cuisine, language and daily life of Spainards can be an invaluable experience. It also allows you to practice Spanish outside school hours. Lacunza has a large number of families, and they work hard to find you one that will best suit your needs.

Shared Apartments. You will have your own room with a desk, and you will share facilities: the living room, kitchen, bathrooms, and washing machine. The apartments are modest, and you will have to carry out your share of the housework (cleaning, washing up, taking down the rubbish, etc.). The school spring-cleans the common facilities every two weeks.

Private Apartments. You may rent an entire apartment. The process takes two months. Get in touch with us and we can provide you with further information about these options.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

As well as enjoying the beauty, distinctive character and liveliness, which San Sebastian has to offer, you will also have the opportunity to take part in an abundance of cultural activities. Some of which include various full day and weekend excursions. Participating in these cultural activities are a great way to add to your language immersion experience in Spain.

SAN SEBASTIÁN

San Sebastián is a cosmopolitan city bordered by France, and as such has a French influence in the romantic design of the streets and buildings of the city. If you walk through the Plaza de Gipuzcoa, or along Calle Prim, with its surprising modernist houses, or contemplate the block formed by the Victoria Eugenia Theater and the María Cristina Hotel, which overlooks the river Urumea, you may feel taken back in time to late nineteenth-century Paris.

The city center stretches along the La Concha Bay, a stunningly beautiful sight. During the warm spring and summer days, this beach area is a favorite destination for locals and tourists who want to relax and enjoy the sun. It is said that San Sebastián has the nicest city beach anywhere in Spain. The area next to the beach is full of vendors, bars, and restaurants. To one side of the bay is the old fishing port, which today is still used by the local fisherman. Overlooking the bay to each side, are two mountains, both of which provide stunning panoramic views.

One of the most charming areas of San Sebastián is the Parte Vieja. This area, surrounded by the Sagrado Corazón and the fortified remains of Urgull hill, centers around the secluded fishing port and the Plazas Constitución and Trinidad. The latter plaza is tucked away in one of the oldest corners or "txokos" of the city, which contains not only a small ball court, but also a special area used for the ever-popular stone dragging competitions. The Old Casino nearby once served as the summer residence for the former Spanish Monarchy, and now houses the City Council.

San Sebastián is an ideal destination for someone looking for a unique experience of Spain. You will enjoy the friendly, intimate way of life this provincial capital offers, while still enjoying the wealth of cultural activities normally associated with the larger Spanish cities.

WHY SAN SEBASTIÁN?

