

Practical Information

Here can be found all the information you need to prepare your visit to Santander and enjoy your stay in our city.

Reaching Santander

By plane

- The [Santander Airport \(SDR\)](#), located 5 km away from the city center, has flights to destinations within Spain (Madrid, Barcelona, Malaga, Tenerife) and Europa (Brussels, Dublin, Edinburgh, Frankfurt Hahn, Berlin, Düsseldorf, London Stansted, Milan (Bergamo), Rome).

From the airport, you can reach the city center by taxi (~15 €) or by bus (~2 €). The airport bus stop is in front of the arrivals terminal. Buses leave the airport at 6:40, 7:00 and every half hour until 23:00. They arrive at the bus main station, located in the city center.

- The [Bilbao Airport \(BIO\)](#) is an hour and a half east of Santander. The Airport has many daily connections to international destinations. There are three ways to get to Santander: taxi (~120 €); bus to Termibus (the downtown bus station, 1.50 €) and from Termibus, take [ALSA](#) to the Santander bus station (7-10 €). Buses from downtown Bilbao to downtown Santander run approximately every hour in peak hours; or car rental.

By train. The Santander main train station (RENFE) is located in the city center, 2 km away from the University campus, and they are connected with the principal cities of Spain. Check timetables and prices in the [Renfe website](#).

By bus. Several bus routes connect Santander with the most important cities in Spain. The Santander bus central station is placed in the city center, 2 km away from the University campus. Check timetables and prices in the the following sites: [ALSA](#) and [Transporte de Cantabria](#) (in Spanish).

Reaching IFCA

The university campus, where the [Instituto de Física de Cantabria](#) is located, can be reached on foot (~10-15 min. walk) from most hotels in [El Sardinero](#).

The **bus line number 7** connects the city center with the beaches (El Sardinero) and the Avenida de los Castros (University campus). You can find more info about the urban transport in Santander in the [Transportes Urbanos de Santander](#) website (in Spanish).

About Santander

Santander is the capital of the autonomous community of Cantabria, situated on the north coast of Spain. Its famous beaches and beautiful bay became the favourite holiday site for King Alfonso XIII and for the Spanish bourgeoisie during the first decades of the 20th century. Famous buildings like the [Palacio de la Magdalena](#), the [Gran Casino del Sardinero](#) and the Hotel Real were built during this period. You can find more info about Santander in the following sites:

- [Wikipedia](#)
- [Santander Tourism](#)



About Cantabria

Cantabria is a mountainous region in the shores of the Atlantic ocean. Its landscape is dominated by a lush vegetation, with dense oak and beech forests, green valleys between high mountains and long beaches of fine sand. Among the most relevant touristic destinies are the Picos de Europa National Park, the Altamira prehistoric caves and villages and cities like Santillana del Mar, Comillas, Castro Urdiales, Reinosa, Potes or San Vicente. There are also numerous roman churches scattered all along the region. More info about Cantabria can be found in the links below:

- [Wikipedia](#)

- [Official web portal for Tourism in Cantabria](#)

Watch this [video](#) for ideas on what to do around the Cantabria region if you are planning to do some tourism.

