

ABOUT SANTANDER  
&  
CANTABRIA

The port city of **Santander** is the capital of the autonomous community of **Cantabria** located on the north coast of Spain. Mainly due to its coastal location, Santander enjoys extraordinarily beautiful landscapes. It stands on a peninsula enveloped by the bay and the cliffs facing the Cantabrian sea. But perhaps the beaches are its best-known natural feature. Five kilometres of meandering coastline reveal a varied collection of small and vast sandy stretches, some with calm waters, sheltered from the wind and others facing the open sea, with more of a swell. Close by, green areas of great beauty reach down to the coast.

Situated halfway between the sea and the mountains, Santander has beautiful surroundings with many possibilities for cultural and outdoors activities. The main tourist attractions of Cantabria are undoubtedly its landscape and privileged natural environment (nature lovers will find in Cantabria an impressive wealth of protected areas), together with its great artistic monuments, such as the many caves with prehistoric paintings, the roman village of Julióbriga, the medieval village of Santillana del Mar, and many more.



For additional information on tourism please consult the Web page  
<http://english.turismodecantabria.com/default.asp>



There are some different alternatives to reach Santander. Its airport Santander-Parayas (SDR) is connected (on a daily basis) with the two most important Spanish airports, namely Madrid-Barajas and Barcelona-El Prat. Both of them have flights to/from a large number of European cities. The duration of a flight is less than 45 minutes in both cases. Although the information is subject to changes, the current schedule for flights connecting Santander and either Madrid or Barcelona are the following (the definitive ones should be double-checked).

**MADRID-SANTANDER-MADRID**

Days	Departure from Madrid	Departure from Santander
Monday to Friday*	7:00 ; 9:10 ; 10:30 ; 12:30 ; 16:15 ; 18:15; 21:30	7:30 ; 8:45 ; 10:45 ; 12:15 ; 14:00 ; 18:15 ; 19:40
Saturday	7:00 ; 9:10 ; 12:30 ; 15:30 ; 17:00	7:30 ; 10:45 ; 14:00 ; 17:00 ; 18:45
Sunday	9:35 ; 10:45 ; 14:10 ; 18:45 ; 21:35	12:30 ; 16:05 ; 19:40 ; 21:55

\* *thursday schedule is a bit different, please consult Iberia's web page <http://www.iberia.com/>*

*Another alternative to come from Madrid-Barajas airport is to use the low fair company Ryan-Air please consult their web page <http://www.ryanair.com/site/EN/?culture=GB>*

**BARCELONA-SANTANDER-BARCELONA**

Days	Departure from Barcelona	Departure from Santander
Monday to Friday	9:20 ; 11:00 ; 18:40; 20:45	7:35 ; 11:00 ; 13:10; 19:30
Saturday	9:20 ; 13:20	7:35 ; 11:00 ; 15:00
Sunday	13:20 ; 16:35; 21:00	15:00 ; 19:30 ; 21:30

RyanAir provides a direct flight service that connects Santander with four European airports, namely London-Stansted, Liverpool, Frankfurt-Hahn and Rome-Ciampino. The available time tables (within the meeting dates) are the following (definitive ones should be double-checked).

**London Stansted – Santander**

Days	Departure from Stansted	Departure from Santander
Monday / Wednesday / Friday / Sunday	15:05	18:25

**Liverpool– Santander**

Days	Departure from Liverpool	Departure from Santander
Monday / Wednesday / Friday	6:15 / 6:00	9:35

**Frankfurt– Santander**

Days	Departure from Hahn	Departure from Santander
Monday / Wednesday / Friday / Sunday	10:50	13:20

**Rome Ciampino– Santander**

Days	Departure from Ciampino	Departure from Santander
Monday to Sunday	10:45	13:35

*Once you arrive at Santander airport, the best way to reach the city is by taxi. That should cost not more than 20 €.*

Another alternative to reach Santander, is going to **Bilbao Airport**; it has direct flights with some European airports, at least Paris-Charles de Gaulle, London-Heathrow, Frankfurt-International, Brussels-National, Milan-Malpensa, Dusseldorf. Other connections are also available and should be double-checked. Bilbao airport is about 115 km from Santander (1 hour and 15 minutes drive). In order to go to Santander, you can either take a taxi straightforward to Santander (that would cost approximately 100 €), or to the Bilbao bus station (Termibus), where you can pick a bus to Santander (the taxi would cost you around 25 €, and the bus ticket 6 €); there are several buses from Bilbao to Santander (at least one per hour). A third alternative is to hire a car and drive along A8 highway to Santander.

Finally, the best and cost-effective option is use the official Travel Agency please refer to **The 8th WSEAS International Conferences** in order to get additional discounts in the services provided by the agency.

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