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## INTERNATIONAL HOUSE LACUNZA - SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

International House Lacunza is located the centre of San Sebastian, the cultural capital of the Basque region of Spain. Escuela de la Lengua is a member of the International House (IH) worldwide organization with 130 language schools in 30 countries. As an IH member school, International House Lacunza teachers participate in all IH Teacher Training courses and seminars where ideas are exchanged and analysis is carried out of the latest advances at all levels.

International House Lacunza's premises have been designed to make it easier to communicate and learn Spanish. Complete with a terrace, a communal area with a library, multimedia computers and video, and air conditioning, the school has a pleasant atmosphere.

A family resort town of long standing, **San Sebastian** rests on the bay of La Concha in northwestern Spain, is surrounded by rolling low hills and has three very nice beaches to choose from. 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, romantic walks along the beach, the Castle or the Wind Comb, museums, theatre, and cultural centres.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

International House Lacunza's programs are structured in 8 levels, from beginner to advanced. Two teachers, university graduates specializing in teaching Spanish, coordinate each group's classes together with the school's Director of Studies.

**Intensive Program** 20 hours per week (25 in summer). The Intensive Program is Lacunza's standard Spanish program. There are 4 to 12 students per class with 20 hours per week (25 in summer). The program is designed to promote the student's ability to communicate. Classes are in the morning or afternoon.

**Super Intensive Mini-Group Program** - Summer Only 30 hours per week. The Super Intensive Mini-Group Program is designed for professionals and those who have specialized vocabulary needs. From 3 to 6 students maximum form the class size. The program includes creating real working situations, reinforcing formal Spanish. Classes are in the morning.

**Group & Culture Program** 28 hours per week - 20 Group + 8 Culture. Elementary Level Required. The Group & Culture Program combines the Intensive Program at 20 hours per week with specialized courses that enables the student to improve his/her knowledge of the Spanish culture. There are 8 culture lessons per week and each week students study a different subject, such as Spanish Art in the 20th Century, Modern Spanish History, Spanish Literature, Cinema, and Business.

**Executive Program** Tutor 40 hours per week. Specifically designed for professionals and executives, this program consists of 40 hours per week of private classes. The student learns at a faster pace and the content covers subjects that pertain to his/her profession, such as presentations, lectures, negotiations, etc. The program includes 4 lunches and 1 dinner with the teacher.

### Methodology & Culture for Teachers of Spanish

30 hours per week, 2 weeks. High Intermediate Level Required. This course is intended for nonnative Spanish teachers that want to learn about new teaching ideas and discover new material to use in the classroom. Topics included in the course are Analysis of Language, Teaching Methods & Materials, Past Teaching Experience, Culture, and Debates.

**Basque Language & Culture** 20 hours per week, 2 weeks. Intermediate Level Required A two week introduction to an ancient language and culture with deeply rooted traditions, combined with specific excursions and visits. Topics include origin and characteristics of the Basque language, modern Basque, Basque traditions, mythology, and modern Basque society.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays International House Lacunza has a large number of extremely responsible, trustworthy families with various lifestyles to enable you to fit in with the one that best suits your characteristics.

**Shared Student Apartment** Students have their own room with a desk, and the facilities are shared: the living room, kitchen, bathrooms, washing machine.

**Other Accommodation** International House Lacunza can arrange private apartments, hotels and guesthouses at additional cost.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

International House Lacunza organizes "intercambio" parties, talks and lectures, video, international meals and visits to cultural centres, exhibitions, and the Congress Centre. The school also organizes dinners prepared by student volunteers and a staff member.

### TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 207 E Buffalo Street, Suite 610 \* P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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# Programs & Activities - San Sebastian, Spain

## Programs

Programs are structured in 8 levels, from beginner to advanced. Two teachers, university graduates specializing in teaching Spanish, coordinate each group's classes together with the school's Director of Studies.

Students who already have some knowledge of Spanish will sit for an oral and written test at the start of the course in order to establish their level. Language levels are defined as follows:

- Beginner: The student has either no knowledge or only knows a few words and occasional expressions.
- Elementary: The student can exchange basic information with simple structures. He/she knows the present tense and has a vague idea of the past tense.
- Intermediate: The student can hold a simple conversation on a one-to-one basis, but is limited by errors and lack of vocabulary. He/she is at ease using the present tense, and has a general knowledge of the past tense.
- High Intermediate: The student can communicate in normal situations, but has difficulty with precision due to a lack of words and expressions. He/she knows the subjunctive and uses it in certain typical structures.
- Advanced: The student can communicate easily, but has difficulties with more complicated structures.

### **Intensive Program** 20 hours per week

The Intensive Program is the school's standard Spanish program. There are 4 to 12 students per class with 20 hours per week. The program is designed to promote the student's ability to communicate. Classes are held in the morning or afternoon, which the school will determine upon the student's arrival.

### **Super Intensive Mini-Group Program -Summer Only** 30 hours per week.

The Super Intensive Mini-Group Program is available only during the summer. It is designed for professionals and those who have specialized vocabulary needs. From 3 to 6 students maximum form the class size and 6 classes are held per day. The program includes creating real working situations, reinforcing the student's formal Spanish. Classes are scheduled in the morning.



### **Group & Culture Program** The Intensive Program + 8 Culture lessons per week. Elementary level required.

The Culture Program is a specialized courses that enables the student to improve his/her knowledge of the Spanish culture. There are 8 culture lessons per week and each week students study a different subject:

- Spanish Art in the 20th Century: The life and works of Chillida, Picasso and Dali
- Modern Spanish History: The civil war to the present
- Spanish Literature: The Generation of 1927, with a focus on Larca in Spanish Literature and Marquez in Latin American Literature.
- The Social & Political Situation in Spain: Youth today, the educational system and journalism.
- Basque Language and Culture: An introduction to the language and the political and social situation in the Basque region
- Cinema: Different periods of Spanish cinema
- Writing Skills: Different types of documents and different writing styles
- Business Spanish: C.V.'s, interviews, formal letters, and business language

Culture Course is available on request, and at additional cost.

### **Executive Program Tutor**

Tutor 40 hours per week.

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## Programs

Intensive Program  
Super Intensive Mini-  
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Culture  
Junior Summer Course  
Basque Language  
Tutor

Admissions &  
Academic Credit  
Certificates & Exams

## Activities

Social and cultural  
activities

## Comments

*"I liked meeting people from several different countries and class time (I like the immersion method). Also, independent travel over the weekends."*

University Student,  
Doylestown, PA

*"I loved living in San Sebastian and exploring the surrounding region. It was absolutely wonderful."*

*"US students may contact NRCSA ... it has been a clearing center for study outside the US for years."*

Christian Science Monitor

week of private one-on-one classes. The student learns a faster pace and the content covers subjects that pertain to his/her profession and field, such as presentations of products, lectures, negotiations, etc.

The program includes 4 lunches and 1 dinner with the teacher per week.

**Methodology & Culture** 30 hours per week, 2 weeks. High Intermediate level required.

This course is intended for nonnative Spanish teachers that want to learn about new teaching ideas and discover new material to use in the classroom. Topics included in the course are:



- \* Analysis of Language: Ideas and teaching materials, subjunctive, ser and estar, por and para, prepositions, future tenses and phrases used in everyday speech.

- \* Teaching Methods & Materials: Typical structure of a class; Teaching materials and how to explain them; Ideas and methods to teach, when and why to use them.

- \* Past Teaching Experience, Culture, Debates: Situations in class, how to motivate and discipline; Educational system in Spain and other countries; Basque society; The Spanish Autonomies; Spanish Cinema; Presentation.

**Junior Summer Course** (14 - 17 years old) The tuition includes 5 hours Spanish lessons per day, shared room and full board accommodation in host families, airport transfer and a varied and supervised program of activities and excursions.

\*Half-day activities with a monitor on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

\*Full day excursion on Saturdays. Expenses during the excursions are included in the price.)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE TEEN PROGRAM](#)

**Basque Language Tutor Private lessons** 20 hours per week, 2 weeks. Intermediate Spanish level required

A two week introduction to an ancient language and culture with deeply rooted traditions. Topics include:

- \* Basque Language: Origin of the language; Characteristics; Modern Basque language.

- \* Basque Culture: Traditions and customs; Distinguished Basques; Mythology; Nationalism; Modern Basque society.



### **Spanish & Surfing**

Take advantage of San Sebastian's beautiful beaches and surf with our Surfing Course. Monday to Friday, with 1 hour daily lessons under the instruction of an expert. All materials are provided (board, wetsuit, and a hot shower in the winter). This course is offered from June 6 to September 30.

## **Admissions & Academic Credit**

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Spanish is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. schools consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For more information about academic credit in Spanish speaking countries, [please click here](#).

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

## Certificates & Exams

A diploma will be issued to each student at the end of the course, indicating the level of proficiency they have attained, how many hours of group course and of private tuition they have followed, and mentioning any specific content.

The DELE diplomas are official diplomas given by the Spanish Ministry of Education and Science which recognize the candidate as having a certain skill level in the Spanish language. Preparation classes for the following DELE exams is offered at additional cost and are held on specific start dates:

1. Diploma Básico
2. Diploma Superior

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# ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE\***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000    SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

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