

15. SERVICES

15.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Link to the FECYT 'Practical Guide for Foreign Researchers in Spain 2006':
http://www.eracareers.es/fecyt/guia/guiahtml18_en.jsp

15.2 INFORMATION CONCERNING CANTABRIA

Plane:

The airport, located 5 kilometres to the east of the city centre, has flights connecting Santander with Barcelona, Madrid, Gran Canaria, Seville, Valencia, Málaga, Alicante, Palma de Mallorca, London (Standsted) Rome (Ciampino), Frankfurt (Hahn) and Liverpool. There is a permanent bus service which connects Santander airport with the city centre bus station every 30 minutes. The bus ticket costs approximately € 1.5.

Additionally, Bilbao Airport, situated about 120 kms from Santander, operates international flights to and from the main European capitals. There are buses and trains to and from Bilbao Airport to the city centre, where there is a coach service to Santander.

Santander Airport

Phone: +34 942 20 21 00

Web: <http://www.aena.es> (aeropuerto de Santander)

Bilbao Airport

Phone: +34 944 86 96 64

Web: <http://www.aena.es> (aeropuerto de Bilbao)

Information Iberia (Spanish Airlines)

Phone: +34 902 40 05 00

Web: <http://www.iberia.es>

Ferry

A ferry links Santander with Plymouth (United Kingdom) once a week in March and then twice a week from April onwards. It is recommended that you check the timetables and dates.

Brittany Ferries

Zona Marítima, s/n

Phone: +34 942 36 06 11

Web: <http://www.brittanyferries.es>

Train

Santander has two railway stations that correspond to two different railway companies (RENFE and FEVE) and they are situated at opposite ends of the same building.

RENFE connects Santander with Madrid and other places in Spain. This railway company has a radial track network, the centre of which is the capital of Spain.

RENFE Railway Station:

Information and reservations: Phone: +34 902 24 02 02

International information: Phone: +34 902 24 34 02

Web: <http://www.renfe.es>

FEVE, the narrow gauge railway, joins all the self-governed regions in the North of Spain.

FEVE Railway Station:

Phone: +34 942 21 16 87 / +34 942 20 95 22

Web: <http://www.feve.es>

Coach

There are coaches from the French border linking Irún with Santander several times a day. This is the easiest route for those who reach Hendaya by train. There are also coaches that operate the routes to Paris, Brussels, London, Zurich and Geneva. The City Bus Service links The University of Cantabria with the rest of the city.

Santander Bus Station

Phone: +34 942 21 19 95

Web: <http://www.santandereabus.com>

Car

Those who prefer to drive here can cross the border at Irún-Hendaya, taking the National Road 634, or the toll motorway A-8 to Bilbao, and then following directions for Santander. Once here, the visitor will realise that the city's lay-out is along three main roads: Avenida de Los Castros (with the University campus in its northern part), Paseo de General Dávila, and the road which joins Cuatro Caminos with the city-centre and Sardinero (see *Santander street on the appendix of this Guide*).