



Location and Access

Santander is located by the North shoreline of Spain. It is well connected with the most important Spanish cities (namely Madrid and Barcelona) and it is very close to Bilbao (120 km). There are several ways to reach Santander; in the following we provide a brief outlook of them.

By plane

To reach Santander by plane, there is the option to arrive directly at its airport, but Bilbao airport (with more European connections) can also be used, since it is easy to reach Santander from Bilbao by road. In this sense, University of Cantabria has an agreement with a private taxi service (cheaper than a taxi), with a fare of 107 euros per way (either Santander-Bilbao or Bilbao-Santander).

Santander International Airport (SDR)

Santander Airport (SDR) is located 7 km away from the downtown and has regular flights to Madrid and Barcelona operated by the IBERIA airline company.

- To Madrid: 8 flights per day; From Madrid: 8 flights per day.
- To Barcelona: 3 flights per day; From Barcelona: 3 flights per day.

There are also flights to and from Madrid operated by the low Cost Ryanair airline company per day.

- To Madrid: 2 flights per day; From Madrid: 1 flight per day.



Figure 1. International flights

In addition, there are a number of international connections, most of them operated by Ryanair.

The following two tables provide the current international and domestic flights in Santander airport:

Table 1. International flights

Airport	City	Country	Airline Company
BRUSSELS CHARLEROI	BRUSSELS	BELGIUM	RYANAIR
DUBLIN	DUBLIN	IRELAND	RYANAIR
FRANKFURT HAJN	FRANKFURT	GERMANY	RYANAIR
DUSSELDORF WEEZE	DUSSELDORF	GERMANY	RYANAIR
LONDON /STANSTED	LONDON	UK	RYANAIR
MILAN / BERGAMO	MILAN	ITALY	RYANAIR
ROME /CIAMPINO	ROME	ITALY	RYANAIR
PISA	PISA	ITALY	RYANAIR

Table 2. Domestic flights

Airport	City	Country	Airline Company
ALICANTE	ALICANTE	SPAIN	IBERIA, RYANAIR
BARCELONA	BARCELONA	SPAIN	IBERIA
GRAN CANARIA	GRAN CANARIA	SPAIN	IBERIA
MADRID-BARAJAS	MADRID	SPAIN	IBERIA, RYANAIR
MALAGA	MALAGA	SPAIN	IBERIA
PALMA DE MALLORCA	PALMA DE MALLORCA	SPAIN	IBERIA
REUS	REUS	SPAIN	RYANAIR
SEVILLA	SEVILLA	SPAIN	IBERIA
TENERIFE NORTE	TENERIFE	SPAIN	IBERIA
VALENCIA	VALENCIA	SPAIN	IBERIA

Bilbao International Airport (BIO)

As said before, another interesting alternative is to use Bilbao airport (with several European connections), and then travel to Santander by car, bus, etc. International flights Bilbao international airport, located in Loiu, only 120 km from Santander has regular flights with the main European capitals:

Table 3. International flights

Airport	City	Country	Airline Company
AMSTERDAM/SCHIPHOL	AMSTERDAM	NETHERLANDS	VUELING
BRUSSELS	BRUSSELS	BELGIUM	BRUSSELS AIRLINES
DUBLIN	DUBLIN	IRELAND	AER LINGUS
DUSSELDORF	DUSSELDORF	GERMANY	LUFTHANSA AIR BERLIN
FRANKFURT	FRANKFURT	GERMANY	LUFTHANSA
LISBOA	LISBON	PORTUGAL	TAP-AIR PORTUGAL
LONDRES /HEATHROW	LONDON	U.K.	VUELING
LONDRES /STANSTED	LONDON	U.K.	EASYJET AIRLINE CO. LTD.
MUNICH	MUNICH	GERMANY	LUFTHANSA
OSLO	OSLO	NORWAY	SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES SYSTEM
PARIS /CHARLES DE GAULLE	PARIS	FRANCE	AIR FRANCE
ROME	ROME	ITALY	IBERIA

By ship

A few metres from the Jardines de Pereda and the Promenade with the same name, in the business centre of the capital, we can find the Santander shipping terminal, which offers two journey services per week to Great Britain on the “Val de Loire” Ferry.

- Plymouth – Santander: Britany Ferrys

There is also the possibility of embarking at Roscoff and Saint Malo (Brittany) and at Cherbourg and Caën (Normandy).

By train

Two companies, RENFE and FEVE, offer a very complete service. Both stations are located at the Plaza de las Estaciones, in the downtown, where all bus routes which connect the capital with the rest of the peninsula and Europe are based.