

TESOL CONVENTION 2007

TRAVEL NOTES

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation in San Sebastián is limited and very dispersed. The hotels near the beach are, as one can imagine, much more expensive than those in other areas.

The Convention centre, St. Patrick's English School, is situated in the Bera-Bera area in the south of the city. The nearest, best and cheapest hotel is the Hotel Palacio de Aiete which is about fifteen minutes' walk from the site. It is a four star hotel and boasts a gymnasium and sauna and is highly recommended. The following buses connect the hotel with the city centre and the B2, the night bus also passes by the hotel. Day buses are the 31, 19, 23 and G1. A taxi into the centre would cost approximately €5

When asking about the hotel please always say "Hotel Palacio de Aiete" especially during the day so as not to confuse it with the actual Aiete Palace.

I have a limited allocation at the hotel and will be working on a "first come, first served" basis. To secure a reservation, a 50% deposit is required with the balance due one month before arrival.

Prices include "gourmet breakfast" which is served at the table. However, the hotel has been advised that most of you will be breakfasting at the same time and will make staffing arrangements accordingly. VAT at the rate of 7% is also included.

PRICES PER PERSON per night:

- Double room for single use €80.00
- Double room (two people) €50.50

Please note that these rates are cheaper than the last three years and all other quotations I received for group bookings were much higher. Cut off date for reservations is 6th February!!!! If you require other type of accommodation, I can look into that for you but cannot guarantee that two or three-star accommodation near the beach will be cheaper than that of above.

CONNECTING ACCOMMODATION IN MADRID

For those people who have to make a change of planes in Madrid and have to stay overnight, rather than come into the city, I can also offer a special rate at the GSM Hotel Auditorium based at Madrid Barajas Airport, Prices are PER ROOM per night, include breakfast, VAT and free shuttle bus Airport Terminal/Hotel/Airport Terminal. Maximum stay one night and it is important to show either airticket/Copy of Reservation showing E ticket number/Boarding Card

- Single or double €91.00
- Triple €124.00

FLIGHTS

SPANAIR have offered discounts of between 25 - 30% on their internal flights, the cheapest from Madrid which amounts to Euros 120,00 plus airport taxes (Euros 31.80) plus service fee of Euros 13,00. These flights would have to be booked direct with JENNY BROWN TRAVEL. HOWEVER, if people are prepared to take the risk and book now, flights can be secured at Euros 68,80 all

inclusive if it is done on the web. This is a limited offer and once the allocation has been taken, then the discount SPANIAR is offering will be well worth it.

POSSIBLE TRANSFERS DIRECT AIRPORT TO HOTEL:

It would be a good idea whether booking through Jenny or not to let her have your flight details. If there are sufficient people travelling on the same plane she can organise a special transfer from the airport to the hotel and vice versa in Mini-buses. This will eliminate the need to get a bus into the city centre then bus/taxi to the hotel.

We are in the process of negotiating with Spanair (who started flying direct from Madrid to San Sebastian at the end of October) for congress rates from Madrid which will include any connecting flights within Spain. PLEASE NOTE that although Bilbao is not that far away from San Sebastian as the crow flies, public transport connections from Bilbao Airport to San Sebastian are not that good. You would have to take a bus from Bilbao Airport into the city and then connect with a bus to San Sebastian. Further details to follow.

TRAINS

For those who wish to travel by train, we are also once again negotiating with RENFE for reductions on the trains.

BUSES

Although I cannot help with booking this, will put information on this page as soon as it is available.

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OTHER POINTS:

Although this will be my 9th year organising travel and accommodation for the TESOL-SPAIN Convention, this will be my first year doing so as a completely independent travel agent and any invoices required for accommodation will be made out in the name of JENNY BROWN TRAVEL With licence nº 1911. For airline and train tickets, whilst I will be making the bookings, these will be issued by a colleague agency who will invoice accordingly.

FURTHER INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

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