

ALTE Introductory Language Testing Courses, Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain Summer 2010

Practical Information

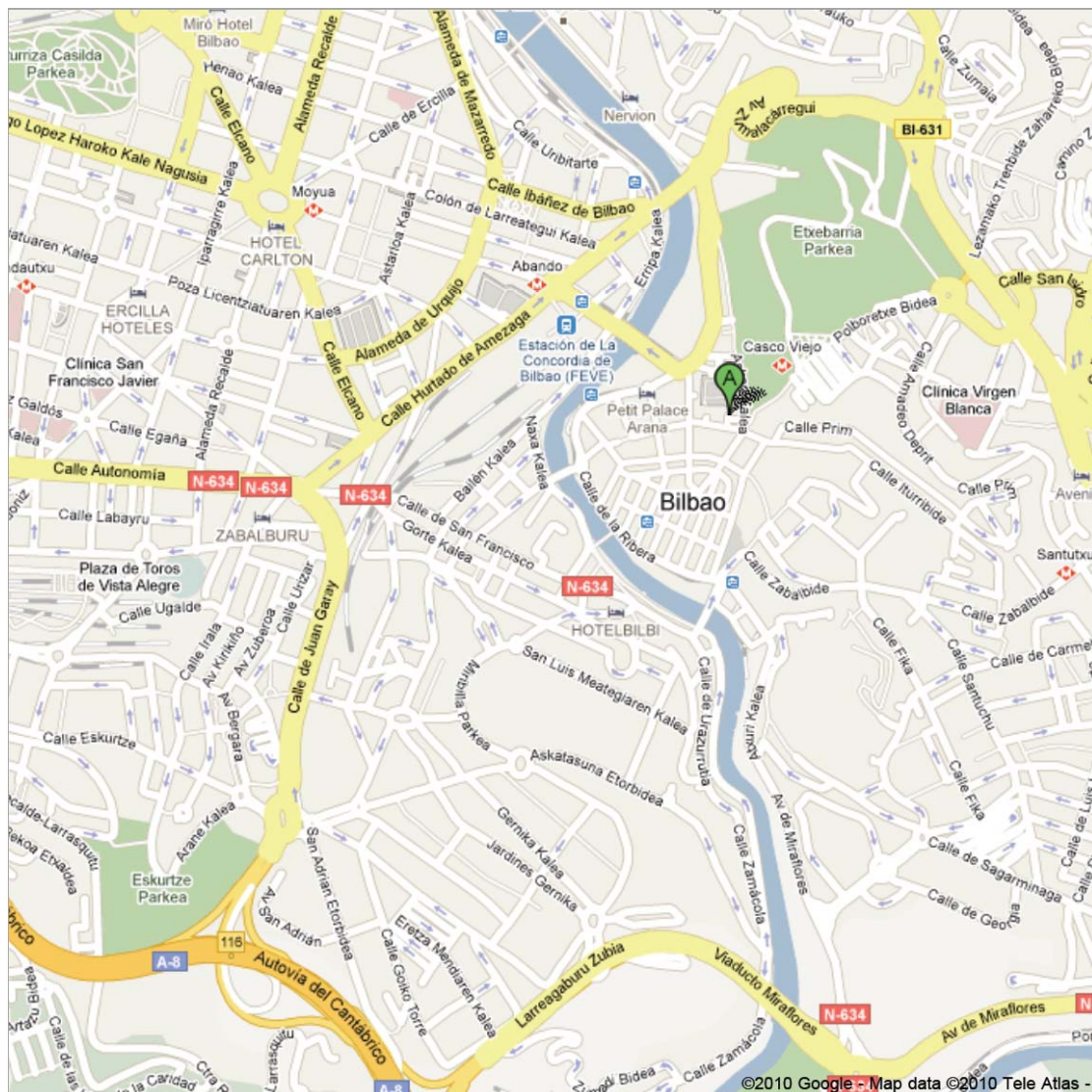
Venue

The ALTE Introductory Courses in Language Testing (20th-24th September, 2010) and Testing Reading (27th September-1st October, 2010) will take place at the Euskaltzaindia (Royal Academy of the Basque Language) headquarters in Bilbao.

The address is Plaza Barria 15E, Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain 48005.

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Transport

Bilbao Airport (www.aena.es) is located 6 miles (9,6 kilometres) north-west of the city. BizkaiBus A3247 leaves from outside the main terminal to Plaza Moyua and Gran Vía (central Bilbao) every 20 or 30 minutes from 06.20 to midnight. The journey takes around 30 minutes and costs €1.50. Taxis from the airport to and from the centre of town cost approximately €20. For more information about how to get to Bilbao and to view time tables for BizkaiBus, see the following link: www.bilbao.net/bilbaoturismo

Bilbao has an excellent underground (metro) network, as well as trams. Tickets for the underground start at €1.30, and a single tram journey costs €1. An all-day tram pass costs €3.15. You can also buy a Creditrans multi-journey travel ticket which enables you to travel on the underground, Fevetrains, trams, buses and the Funicular. They are sold in denominations of €5, €10 and €15 and credits are drawn every time the card is used.

Accommodation

Our hosts, the Basque Government, have secured preferential rates of €102.60 (inc breakfast and VAT) at the following five-star hotel in Bilbao:

Hotel Meliã Bilbao, Lehendakari Leizaola 29, 48001 Bilbao. Tel +34 94 428 00 80; fax: +34 94 428 00 06. (Contacts: Imelda Ochoa or Ander Ibarrondo.)
email: reservas.melia.bilbao@solmelia.com
URL: <http://www.melia-bilbao.com/en/index.html>

This special rate is available for bookings made before 24th June 2010 using keyword 'ALTE'. A booking form is attached at the end of this document – please complete and send directly to the hotel, not to ALTE.

The following hotels have also been recommended:

1. The Tryp Arenal Hotel Bilbao, Calle Fueros 2, 48005 Bilbao. Tel: +34-94-415-31-00 or +34-94-415-63-95.
Email: irune.desasia@solmelia.com; URL: <http://www.solmelia.com>

This hotel is located just 50 metres from the course venue, and depending on room availability, this hotel may be able to give a discount if you mention 'ALTE Summer Courses' and call or email Irune de Sasia, the Head of Reception (mornings).

2. Hotel Petit Palace Arana, Bidebarrieta 2, 48005 Bilbao. Tel: +34 944 156 411; fax: +34 944 161 205. Email: info@petitpalacearana.com;
URL: <http://www.petitpalacearana.com/>

This hotel is located 100 metres from the venue.

3. Hotel Abando, Colón de Larreátegui 9, 48001 Bilbao. Tel: +34 94 423 62 00: Fax: +34 94 424 55 26/25: Email: abando@aranzazau-hoteles.com; URL: <http://www.hotelabando.com/>

This hotel is located 300 metres from the venue.

You can find other suggestions on any hotel reservation website.

Restaurants

Bilbao is known for its excellent restaurants and you will find no shortage of places to eat. Our host has suggested the following restaurants, close to the venue:

1. Victor - <http://www.restaurantevictor.com/>
2. Saibigain - <http://www.saibigain.com/>
3. Mandoya - <http://www.restaurantemandoya.com/>
4. Kalderapeko - http://www.reservarestaurantes.com/restaurantes/ficha/46205_Kalderapeko--Bilbao
5. VictorMontes - <http://www.victormontesbilbao.com/>

For other suggestions, please see the following link:

<http://www.bilbaohoteles.com/ing/restaurantes-listado.asp>

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Hotel Meliá Bilbao
Lehendakari Leizaola, 29 - 48001 Bilbao, SPAIN - Tel: (34) 94-428 00 80 - Fax:
(34) 94-428 00 06

To: Imelda Ochoa or Ander Ibarrondo – Reservations Department
(e-mail: reservas.melia.bilbao@solmelia.com)

ALTE 2010
19th September – 3rd October 2010

Name _____ Last Name _____

Passport number _____

Company _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ City/Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Arrival date _____ Estimated Time _____

Departure Date _____

ROOM TYPE

Room Category	Rate	PLEASE, INDICATE YOUR ROOM CATEGORY
DOUBLE FOR SINGLE USE	102.6 €	
DOUBLE	102.6 €	

8% VAT IS INCLUDED. Buffet breakfast included

FORM OF PAYMENT to Guarantee the Reservation

Credit Card Visa _____ Amex _____ Master Card _____ Diners Club _____
Number _____ **Expiration Date** ____/____

DEPOSITS – One night will be charged to the credit card given as a guarantee for the reservation. This deposit is non-refundable.

CUT – OFF DATE: 24th June , 2010. (All reservations received after this date will be subject to availability.)

Cancellation policy

In case of cancellation the deposit will be non- refundable.

Between 9 and 4 days before arrival the cost of a two-night stay will be billed to the credit card for cancellation costs

Less than 4 days before arrival the full cost of the entire stay will be billed to the credit card for cancellation costs

No-show

In case of a no show the hotel will charge the entire stay to the credit card for cancellation costs

Signature & Name _____ Date _____

Please send by fax or e-mail to Reservations Department