

Welcome to Santander & Suances - Wedding Guest Guide

Our wedding will take place across two key locations in Northern Spain – Suances and Santander. **Suances** is the village where Alex was born. We'll be celebrating here on Friday the 19th with a pre-wedding party at Bar El Dichoso, followed by the church ceremony the next day. **Santander** is the city where most of you will arrive, as it's the largest nearby city – just 30 minutes by car from Suances – and has an airport.

When choosing your accommodation, you'll find plenty of options in both Suances and Santander, as well as in the surrounding areas. If you're not renting a car, it's probably best to book your accommodation in Santander, as it's more easily accessible. Renting a car will give you greater flexibility in where to stay.

UBER is available in Santander, but in Suances you'll need to call a local taxi service. Taxis and UBERs from Santander can take you to Suances, but for the return trip, you'll need to arrange a local taxi.

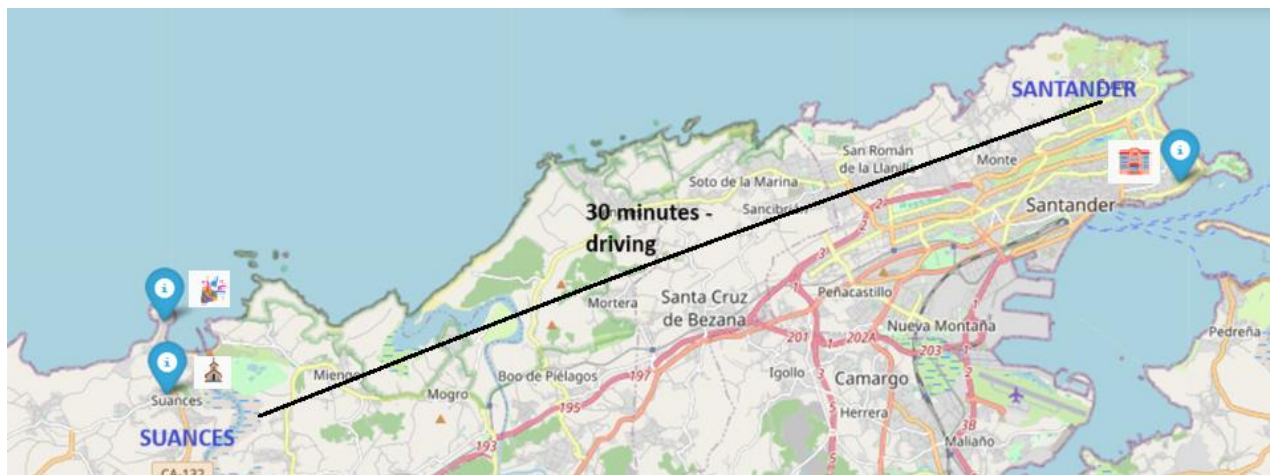
On Saturday, we've arranged a bus to transport guests from Santander to Suances and back for the ceremony. For those staying in Suances, the same bus will also provide return transport at midnight when the party ends.

Suances

- Pre-wedding party – 19th September at 19:00 – El Dichoso de Suances
- Religious ceremony – 20th September at 12:00 – Iglesia Nuestra Señora de las Lindes de Suances
- **Taxi in Suances:**
 - **Jesus** +34 680587377
 - **24h taxi** +34 650 900091

Santander

- Big celebration – 20th September at 14:00 – Eurostars Hotel Real de Santander
- **Taxi in Santander**
 - **Local Taxi** +34 942 333 333
 - **UBER / Cabify**



What to do in Suances



Suances is a very popular coastal village in Cantabria, so at times you might find it quite crowded. There are numerous surf schools—the most popular ones are Los Locos (named after the beach), Totorá, Kangaroo, and others.

There are two main beaches: Los Locos and La Concha.

Los Locos is quite special—it's a small beach that changes with the tide and is ideal for more advanced surfers. There's also a small bar, El Chiringuito de Los Locos, where you can grab a drink and enjoy the view.



La Concha is the family-friendly beach: long, sandy, and great for kids and beginners learning to surf. The waves are usually small, but since it's the Atlantic Ocean, it can always surprise you. You can walk from La Concha to Los Locos by heading up the stairs, where you'll be rewarded with a beautiful panoramic view of the town.



If you have time and feel like taking a boat tour, look for Actitur—the local ferry service in Suances. They offer one-hour tours along the coast or up the river, and you can even sample some local mejillones (mussels) on board.

Link for reservations: <https://actitursuances.es/>

Where to Eat & Drink:

- **El Castillo de Los Locos** – Best view of Los Locos beach
- **Chiringuito de Los Locos** – Casual beachside spot for drinks and snacks
- **Bar El Sidro** – Perfect for wine and Cantabrian delicacies like percebes (goose barnacles), navajas, zamburinas.
- **El Cholo** – A very popular bar for casual dining
- **El Bonito Verde** – Known for high-quality fish dishes
- **La Solita** – Famous for serving one of the best paellas in town
- **La Gallofa** – Bakery and pastry shop located in the city centre
- **Los Romanos** – best croissants, famous even in Santander

Right next to La Gallofa, in the heart of town, you'll find local shops offering souvenirs, regional products, and general shopping. **Fetiche** is a boutique in Suances that's popular with influencers. You'll also find **ATMs** nearby.

What to do in Santander



Santander is the capital of the Cantabria region and is known for its excellent gastronomy, vibrant shopping areas, and stunning beaches. One of its most iconic landmarks is **Isla de la Magdalena**, home to a gorgeous palace perched at the top—definitely worth a visit (**Palacio de la Magdalena**).

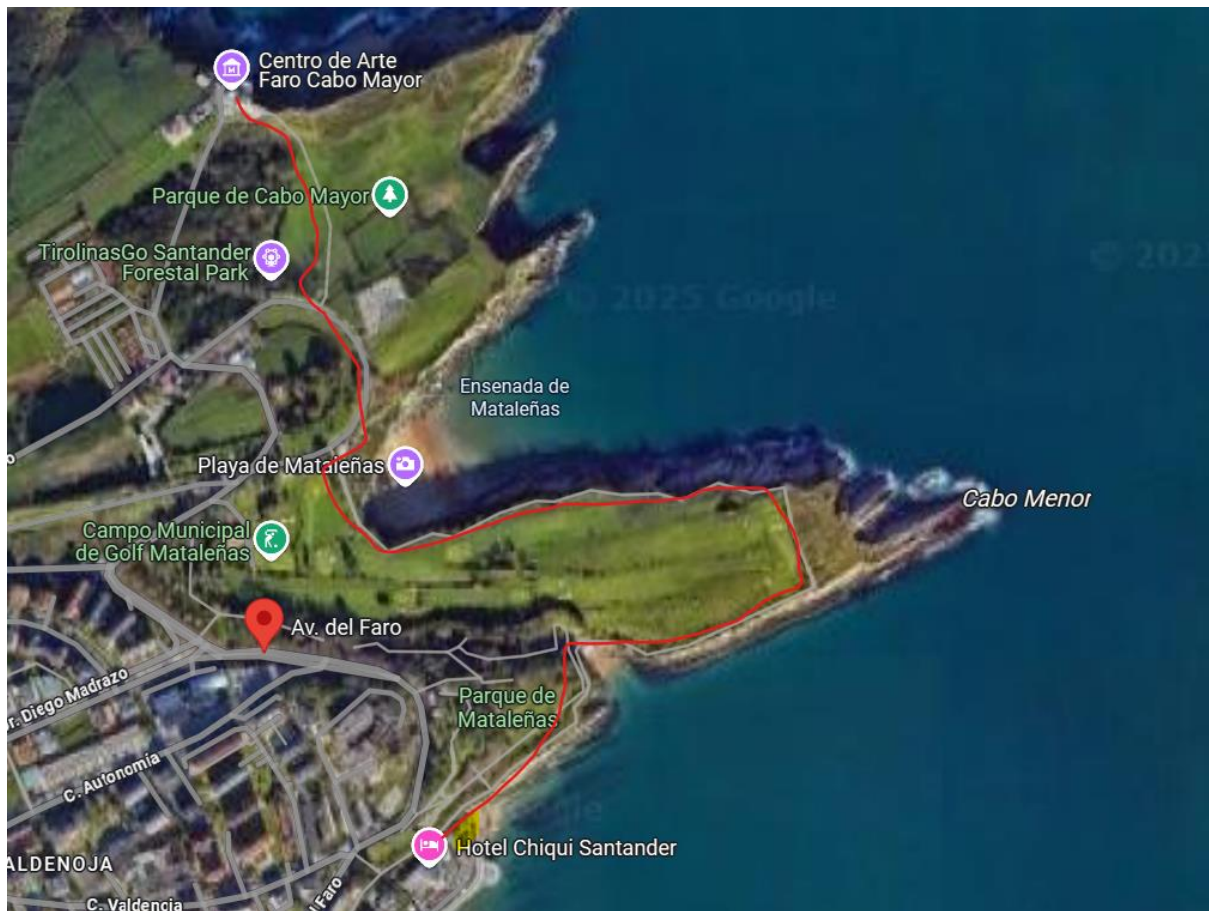
The city has numerous beaches, including **Playa de la Magdalena** and **Playa del Sardinero**, which is a popular spot for both surfing and sailing. Santander offers several schools for these sports and more.

You can also take the **Regina ferry** to **Somo Beach**, enjoying breathtaking views of Santander from the sea. Once in Somo, be sure to visit **Chiringuito Puntal**, known for its lively atmosphere and beachside charm.

For a scenic walk, follow the route from **Hotel Chiqui** up to **Faro de Cabo Mayor** and back—an ideal way to take in the coastal beauty of the area (map below).

Best Shopping

- **Calle Cádiz** – A lively street filled with local shops and boutiques
- **Calle Lealtad** – Home to major brands like **Zara**, perfect for fashion lovers



Where to Eat & Drink:

- Best Pinchos and Tortilla go to **Casa Lita** or **Canadio**
- For tapas visit **Mercado del Este** or **Mercado de la Esperanza**
- For social and casual drinking go to **Calle Castelar** where are plenty of bars and restaurants
- For eating **Calle Peña Herbosa**
- **Querida MAR** – for fine dining



Other recommendations in Cantabria

- **San Vicente de la Barquera** – A picturesque fishing village. Stop for a special meal at **El Remedio**, a restaurant set in an old church and featured in the *Guía Michelin*.
- **Geoparque Costa Quebrada** – Explore stunning beaches or follow one of the scenic hiking routes.
- **Bárcena Mayor** – A charming, historic village nestled in nature.
- **Parque de Cabárceno** – One of the largest wildlife parks in Europe, located near the Picos de Europa. Home to animals in semi-freedom and ideal for families.
- **Comillas** – One of the most beautiful towns in Cantabria, featuring architecture by **Gaudí**.
- **Santillana del Mar** – Step back in time with cobbled stone streets and grand medieval buildings.
- **Picos de Europa National Park** – A breathtaking natural park perfect for hiking, nature photography, and mountain adventures.
- **Castro Urdiales** – A stunning coastal village with a vibrant harbor and historic charm.
- **Bilbao** – About a 1-hour drive away. The capital of the Basque Country, known for the **Guggenheim Museum** and its dynamic urban culture.
- **Gatzelugatxe** – A dramatic coastal rock formation and natural park, famously featured in *Game of Thrones*.
- **Donostia–San Sebastián** – A world-renowned city in the Basque Country, celebrated for its beaches, cuisine, and cultural scene. No introduction needed.