





### TALE THE SEASHORE

There is also that special tale inspired in the old fishing town that Santander once was that comes along in your children's holidays. The main characters

would be brave sailors or a great whale, or maybe the inhabitants of Altamira caves, or the mythological ones living in the mountains of Cantabria such as "diablillo trenti, ojáncano or hombre pez (fishman)".

The marine breeze feeds the imagination and transports them to a world of enchantment and magic spells, adventures and tales to be enjoyed in family. In hot days any beach of the city is a refreshing balm and the perfect place for the children to play free, explore and imagine...

Unforgettable afternoons at the seashore, making up tales with sand castles and spells, fairies guarding the lost treasures... A place called "Tale" where everything can happen.





### Libraries with books for children with Cantabrian topics:

#### **CARREFOUR**

### **EL CORTE INGLÉS**

Nueva Montaña

### LA LIBRERÍA DEL PUERTO

A place near the Fisherman's Quarter to "fish" good readings.

Ruiz Zorrilla st, 17

teller in specific days.

Calvo Sotelo st, 21 Los Castros Av. 53

#### LIBRERÍA GIL

A large childish library with story teller in specific days.

San Fernando st. 62 Hernán Cortés st. 23

#### LIBRERÍA TANTÍN

Essentially committed to the edition and publishing of books related to Cantabria.

Camilo Alonso Vega st, 10





### SANTANDER'S CULTURAL RING...

### MY TREARASURE

### **Prehistory**

MUPAC, Archaeology and Prehistoric Museum of

**Cantabria.** Cantabria is the land of caves and cave art. The stone turned to be its memory and the museum keeps samples of all of the caves. You will find out how our first ancestors lived, how they fed themselves and how their homes were millions of years ago.

Phn.: 942 209 922

www.musensdecantahria.es

### A gigantic step to get into the Roman Empire and the Middle Ages

**The Wall of Santander**, the interpretation centre. Just make a virtual tour along the old medieval Wall that surrounded the city and allowed the access to the fortified village by the sea in the Middle Ages.

**The Cathedral of Santander**, characterised by its central cloister and the church of "El Cristo". You can go upstairs to the medieval Tower and contemplate a spectacular landscape of the city.

To arrange a visit, contact the Municipal Office of Tourism. Phn: 942 203 000 / 942 203 001

### Modern Ages, There is everything!!

The Centre for the Interpretation of the Quays.

The port of the city, its access to the sea and its commercial spirit by the sea has been changing along the ages. The Centre is settled under Alfonso XIII Square.

**The anti-ride shelter.** This is a surprising experience! Get in the shelter and discover how people protected themselves from air raids during the Civil War and how they managed to live under the earth.

To arrange a visit, contact the Municipal Office of Tourism. Phn: 942 203 000 / 942 203 001

**Bank of Spain Building** This is the last building to be part of the Cultural Loop of the city. Represents a new space for the art.

### A journey to the future!

Botín Centre. An avant-garde construction which may transport you into the future. This is going to be the new meeting point that will enrich the social life of the city through arts, popular creative proposals, for all ages.

www.centrobotin.org

Ummmm....It looks tasty!

fancy an ice-cream!

The "ice-cream tradition" in Cantabria dates back to the last decades of the 19th century and got stronger during the 20thc. Santander is one of the villages where the ice-cream business strongly established and the image of ice-cream carts came to be typical to sell "mantecados" ice-cream. The very famous ice-cream makers were originally from Pas Valley, the same place where "sobaos and quesadas" (typical pastry) during the winter and ice-cream in summer. The legend has it that the first ice-cream was made out of cheese.

You will find famous of these ice-cream shops spread all over Santander, the favourite of the people in summer but also in winter.



### CYCLING IN THE CITY

Riding a bike with children is a good plan to practice sport. You can draw your own route and ride along the more than 18 km of cycle lane. Here you have some funny routes to enjoy.

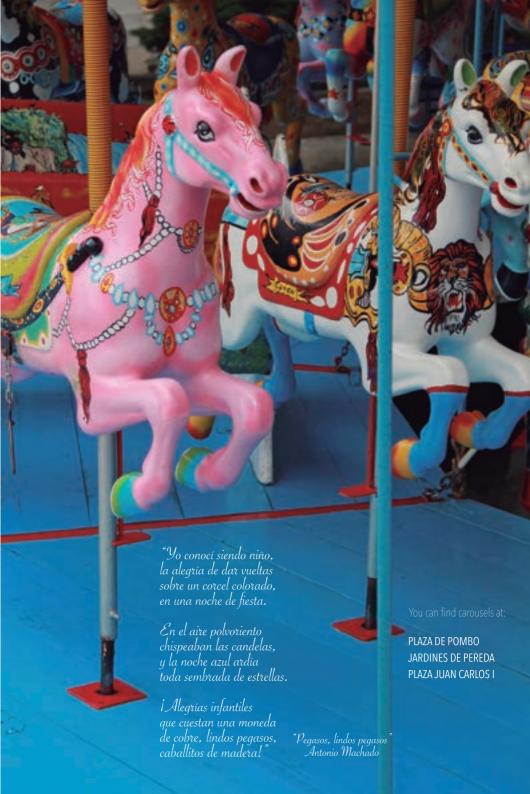
- One of the most beautiful and special landscapes appears riding through Los Peligros beach to get to La Magdalena court where you can stare at the spectacular landscape while taking a breath to have a snack or visiting the penguins and sea lions in the mini-zoo. The Peninsula of La Magdalena is a place to explore and find the secret lake, to swing in the park and to visit the Palace of King Alfonso XIII.
- Las Llamas Park keeps more than 40 species of trees, a wide range of birds and a little bridge that crosses a brook. All these to be discovered cycling along the very safe lane, since there is no traffic road at all.
- "La Virgen del Mar" hosts the chapel that shelters the Patron Saint image of Santander. The place is full of little paths to enjoy the environment. Close to the settlement of La Virgen del Mar you can find a rugby field, swings for children, a zip wire and a cafe. Don't forget taking your swimsuits and sun lotion with you in case you feel like having a bath in one of the most singular and beautiful beached of Santander.



### **BIKE RENTING**

Remember that you have the TUS BIC service, the public service to rent bicycles for adults and offers parking stations along the whole lane.

Phn: 902 053 023 www.tusbic.es



## LIKE A FISH

Santander has been awarded several times for the actions taken to improve the accessibility of the city by the City Council.

The most important beaches of the city are accessible for these people with reduced mobility, except Los Molinucos, Mataleñas, El Bocal and La Maruca.

Los Peligros Beach has also special parking places, changing rooms and adapted toilets for disabled people. There are also special amphibious vehicles and Red Cross staff who help them to take a bath in the sea. Some of these amphibious chairs are in both beached of El Sardinero at the request of people's needs, as well as the Red Cross telephone (942 273 661) in case of special aid.

My daughter doesn't separate from her dog...

could we take our pet to the beach?



The City Council's ordinance regarding pets reminds us that walking or staying with dogs or other pets in the beach is not allowed out of the established timetable or places. There are several leisure places for dogs such as Nueva Montaña Park, Ciriego's forest, La Teja Park, Cabo Mayor, Reina Victoria and Morales Park. Obviously, guide dogs have free access across town and in the beaches. Obviously, guide dogs have free access across town and in the beaches.





### PAINTING IN THE BEACH...

### SO GOOL!

During summer time there are a lot of free activities for children organised by the council in some of the most popular beaches of Santander, Los Peligros and El Sardinero. Among others, children can practice sports, make handicrafts, a lot of games to play or environmental education chats.

Children can choose among nearly 60 different activities developed in the beach, the best open-air park for them, cared by specialised supervisors from 11:00 to 18:00. They can choose among playing sports, playing with balloons, finger painting, story teller, traditional games, puppets, a loan service of books or environmental activities.

In the beaches of Santander...
it is a "must" to play paddles

You can see people paying "paddles" in any beach of Santander. It is a traditional game based on the good rapport of partners to make it beautiful and interesting.

Players must keep the ball up without falling to the sand, keeping track of the number of hits they play only touching twice consecutively the most. This is more a collaborative than a competitive game. There are special sites reserved to play paddles in the beaches of El Camello, La Concha, El Sardinero and Piquío.





### MOUSE ON BOARD!

# If your kid has already lost a tooth in Santander, maybe he finds some ticket or any present under the pillow in the morning.

It might be due to this delicious cheeses of the region that make "Ratoncito Pérez" (Little Mouse Pérez) feel so good when he comes to deliver his presents to the children of Santander.

He also loves to see the boats coming and going and watching the burden being loaded and unloaded from the ships. From time to time he manages to get into the ships as a stow-away to enjoy with some kids who wanted to go with him.

### MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE CANTABRIC SEA

This museum shows the narrow relationship along the history between the man and the sea. Its aquarium captivates the kids who can walk around among sharks, mantarays, sunfishes, octopuses... at 12pm. you can see the staff feeding them.

Phn 942 274962

www.museosdecantabria.es

### **MARITIME TOURS**

#### BAHÍA DE SANTANDER - Ecotourism

Didactic tours by boat that covers La Magdalena Peninsula, El Sardinero cove, the Island of Mouro, the dunes of El Puntal and river Miera stuary. It shows the natural heritage of the Bay of Santander and promotes the birdwatching.

Phn: 630 258 513 www.bahiasantander.es

#### **LOS REGINAS**

It is the most representative company dealing with passenger transport crossing the bay to Somo and Pedreña. It also offers sightseen tours

Phn: 942 216 753 www.losreginas.com

#### SANTANDER BAHÍA TOURS

It offers a 45 minutes tour along the bay, beginning in Gamazo ditch, crossing to La Magdalena Peninsula to come back to the Botín Centre and finishing in Gamazo.

Phn: 942 369 022

www.santanderbahiatours.com

From the sea to the land and from the land to the sea, she comes and goes and the more it is worn the less its holes.

The net



### I AM HUNGRY!!

One of the most attractive aspects of Santander as a city is its size that favours the family life. Despite being in any point of the city the catering area is always very near, so that you can attend the "help call" of your children.

The cantabric cuisine is well known for the use of first quality ingredients: vegetables, fish, meat... you just have to dive into the popular and beautiful **Esperanza Market** to confirm it. It is very easy to find delicious legume soups or a tasty grilled fish for your kids in any restaurant of Santander

If you are close to El Sardinero beach you can easily order some take away food and have a picnic in the beach: sandwiches, pizzas, hamburgers, hot dogs. You can also find this fast food in the city centre.

Special winter delights are the chestnut, roasted in the typical train-shape roasters that you can find spread all across the city, and hot chocolate with "churros" to taste in any season to warm up the chilly afternoons.



of children meet to swap stickers near

the carousel.

### FROM TODAY,

### I AM A SURFER

In the 1960's arrived the first surfing board to Santander and since then the practice of this sport has been growing as much in Spain as in the rest of the world.

Kids begin to play with the waves at a very short age. The recommended to begin practising surf is around 6 years old. Surfing is closely linked to nature sport. It encourages concentration, balance and coordination as well as to be extremely funny! It can be practised during the whole year and there are some schools in Santander to learn "to read the waves" and play with them.

#### SURFING SCHOOL BLACK BALL

Phn: 942 290 163 / facebook.com/blackballsurf

#### SURFING SCHOOL MOLINUCOS

Phn: 942 280 013 / www.escueladesurfmolinucos.com

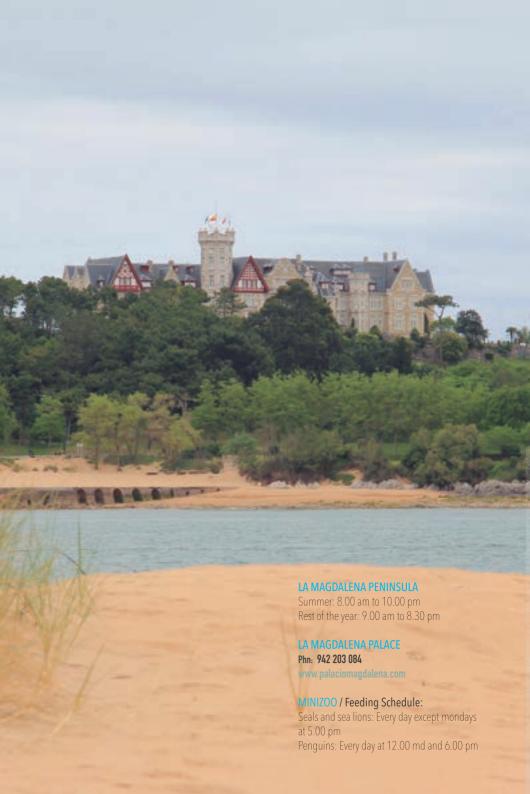
#### SURFING SCHOOL SARDINFRO

Phn: 942 270 301 / www.escueladesurfsardinero.com



Santander has a wide range of beaches, like small coves such as Molinucos, wide and sandy like El Sardinero, rocky like La Maruca, solitary like Rosamunda... but if you are looking for a safe beach with smooth waves just visit those which are sheltered by the bay: Los Peligros, La Magdalena and Bikini.





### LA MAGDALENA PENINSULA.

### A MAGIC PLACE...

Imagine there is a place, nearly an island that would have a big park with swings, sledges, climbing pyramids, trampoline, towers, seesaws and a huge sledge to slide you down to the beach where you can swim, dive, play with the sand...

Imagine there would be penguins, seals and sea lions catching fishes while pleasantly swim near a mermaid... Imagine there would be also a forest full of huge trees and paths along, where you can find animals, mushrooms, elves and flowers sculpted in old trunks...

And imagine, that at the very end of this path, up in the cliffs surrounding this place, there would be a palace, like those in the tales, with a tower to watch the ships arriving at the horizon.... Ship ahoy!!!!











# ON A TOUR AROUND CANTABRIA

### Parque de la naturaleza de Cabárceno (15 km from Santander)

The Nature Park of Cabárceno is not a conventional zoo. Animal life in the park is carried out in the most open and natural environment. Currently the park's facilities are among the best valued by the organizations in charge of the surveillance and security of wild animal's life.

The Nature Park of Cabárceno came up with educational, cultural, scientific and leisure goals and has come to be one of the most important tourist attractions in the north of Spain.

More than 20km of roads will drive you through the wonderful canyons, peaceful lakes and suggesting rocky figures, to the different areas in which bears, cheetahs, tigers, lions, hippos, wolves, elephants, gorillas, sea lions, an exhibition of birds of prey... live.

Phn: 902 210 112

www.parquedecabarceno.com

### Santillana del Mar/ Altamira Museum (30km from Santander)

Walking across the cobbled streets of Santillana del Mar and enjoying of its medieval architecture is the first stage of this trip which for sure will leave a mark on the memories of your children when tasting the milk with the typical sponge cake of the place. Ummmmm.... What a sweet beginning!

In this municipality of Santillana del Mar you can visit Altamira Museum 2 km far.

The museum offers its permanent exhibition suitable for all ages and visits to the Neo-cave, an accurate copy of the original one (in the UNESCO's Human Heritage list) that shows how Altamira cave exactly was in the Palaeolithic ages. It also hosts workshops to learn more about hunting and harvesting, the significance of fire, painting with natural pigments, etc.

Once every year the bisons of Altamira recover their original light: there is a special day in mid-May called "The Museums' Day" to visit the Neo-cave and admire the art of Altamira in an atmosphere of marrow candles as in the old ages.

Phn: 942 818 815

www.museodealtamira.mcu.es

Besides many other important sites with cave paintings, Cantabria hosts caves full of wonderful geological shapes such as "El Soplao" Cave (85 km from Santander).

### Fuente Dé cable car

(129km from Santander)

This is a longer trip but it is worthy to get into the awesome canyon that will drive us to the mountain range of "Picos de Europa" discovering on the way the magnificent landscapes that host deers, eagles or bears that live in the mountains of the region of Liébana.

The historical and cultural heritage of Liébana is also very interesting: the Mozarabic style church in Lebeña, the roman style monastery of Piasca or the Monastery of Santo Toribio de Liébana that is, together with Jerusalem, Rome and Santiago de Compostela one of the four sacred places to go on Cristian pilgrimage.

If you don't have fear of heights, getting on the cable car from Fuente Dé to Picos de Europa viewpoint will be the "golden medal" to your intrepid tour.

Phn: 942 736 610

www.cantur.com

Other proposals at: www.turismodecantabria.com

### AND MANY MORE...

### FESTIVITIES IN SANTANDER

### LA VIRGEN DEL MAR

(Whit Monday)

Patron Saint of Santande

- "Romería
- Popular lunch

#### SEMANA GRANDE

It celebrates with the occasion of Santiago, the Patron Saint of Santander (July 25th). Multitude of acts and celebrations take place during the 2nd half of July:

- Gigantillas (giants and big-heads)
- Day Fair: gastronomic stands spread along the city.
- Street concerts
- Theatre, magic, games in the streets...
- Funfair
- Fireworks

### SANTOS MÁRTIRES LA SEMANUCA (Small Festive Week)

LOCAL IOURISI INTEREST FESTIVITY

Every 30th of August celebrates the festivity of the Holy Martyr Saints Emeterio and Celedonio, patron saints of Santander. Santander decks out in celebration again: music, roman market and funny activities.

Tells the legend that both martyrs were beheaded when they refused to retract from their Christian faith, arriving their heads from Calahorra to Santander in a stone boat. The city of Santander takes its name from the one called San Emeter.

### **BAÑOS DE OLA (WAVE BATHS)**

LOCAL TOURIST INTEREST FESTIVITY

It is a recreation of the ancient "Wave Baths" that celebrates in the beach of El Sardinero and its surroundings, every year during the 2nd half of july. in the 19th century the bourgeoisie people began to take therapeutic baths in the sea and began to go on vacation to the coasts of Santander, San Sebastian, Biarritz or Nice. the beach of El Sardinero gets dressed with people in their epoch swim-suits and dresses, showing traditional games and music to remind the ages in which santander was the summer residence of king Alfonso XIII and his family.

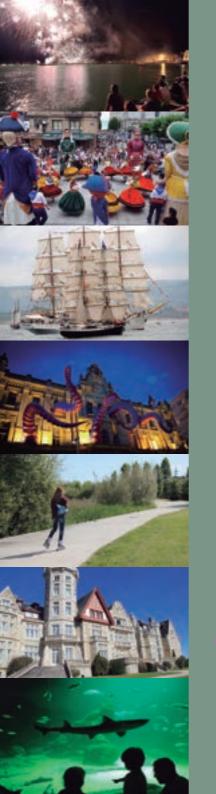
### CANTABRIA CHILDREN'S DAY

Every first Sunday of June takes place this celebration, considered as a Regional Tourist Interest Festival

It takes place in the court of La Magdalena where children have the opportunity to learn about the traditions, costumes and folklore of our region in a specially designed festival for them. Music, workshops, games, gastronomy, crafts, books and competitions to spend a wonderful family day!

### SAINT JOHN'S EVE

(23rd June). The summer solstice is celebrated with fires in several places of the city, the biggest of them located in the second beach of El Sardinero, with music until late in the night. It is the magical night in which, as the cantabrian mythology tells, the so called "Caballucus del Diablo" (Devil's little horses) appear.



### MUESTRA DE ARTE FANTÁSTICO / MAF FANTASTIC ARTS EXHIBITION

Every September the streets of Santander host a wide variety of exhibitions of Fantastic Art. It helps to stimulate our imagination by exercising our capacity to shape, transform and enrich our possible worlds. The Exhibition includes theatre, puppets, magicians, exhibitions, workshops...

www.mafsantander.com

### **OTHER MUSEUMS**

Besides the before mentioned museums, there are some others to visit in Santander:

"MAS" MUSEUM OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORANEAN ARTS OF SANTANDER

LIBRARY AND HOUSE-MUSEUM OF MENÉNDEZ PELAYO

ARTS CENTRE "FARO DE CABO MAYOR"

**SPORTS MUSEUM** 

MUSEUM OF THE CANTABRIC ASSOCIATION OF RAILWAY FRIENDS.

PLANETARIUM-NAUTIC SCHOOL

You can find all the information regarding the collections shown in the museums, timetables, addresses, etc. in the official site of Tourism Department of the City Council:

www.santanderspain.info

### **GASTRONOMIC WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN**

They are organised by the Catering Business Association of Cantabria along the year. They also organise workshops for the whole family.

General Dávila st, 115 Phn: 942 367 030 www.hosteleriadecantabria.net

### THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE PARKS OF THE CITY

**THE PEREDA GARDENS**: settled in the city centre. A leisure area for kids near the Botín Centre. It has a carousel and lounge.

LAS LLAMAS PARK: placed near the football pitch of Racing of Santander Club. The best place to practice skate and cycling. It has leisure areas for kids, a basketball pitch and paths to walk along the wetlands to observe a wide variety of species. Lounge.

**LA MAGDALENA PARK:** Large pay ground beside the beach of La Magdalena. Picnic area surrounded by trees. Lounge.

**MATALEÑAS PARK**: Great wooded area with a pond full of aquatic birds. It has a leisure area for kids and tables for family picnics. The wonderful landscapes of the sea and the city to be admired...

**GAMAZO PARK**: An old naval manufacturing area transformed into a green play ground with a swimming area with hammocks to enjoy the landscape of the bay.

### SPECIAL TOURIST TRANSPORTS

#### CITY SIGHTSEEING

A tourist bus that goes all over the city with an audio-guide service. a 24 hour ticket allows you to get on and off the bus as often as wished to enjoy of every special part of the city.

www.city-sightseeing.com

#### EL MAGDALENO

A city tourist train that goes all over the Peninsula of La Magdalena while listening to interesting explanations about the different parts of the tour.

Phn: 942 291 044



### **CAMPINGS**

#### CAMPING CABO MAYOR

Open April to October Close to Mataleñas and Molinucos beaches and only 4 km to the city centre

Phn: 942 391 542 / www.cabomayor.com

### CAMPING VIRGEN DEL MAR

Opened all the year.

Placed at the beach of La Virgen del Mar and only 6 km to the city centre.

Phn: 942 342 425 / www.campingvirgendelmar.com

### SKATE PARK

**DOCTOR MORALES PARK** (most known as "La Vaca Park")

**LOS CASTROS AVENUE** (opposite University of Cantabria)

### THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE OF SANTANDER

Green-fee for 9 o 18 holes (for players of 17 years old and younger

Practice area: bunker, approach, chip and putter (for players of 17 years old and younger)

Equipment rental

Phn: 942 392 775 www.santanderdeportes.com

### **DIBERTIPARK**

Leisure area of 900 m2 placed in Las Llamas Park that has sledges, ball pool, disco for kids, football pitch and adventures area

Phn: 942 281 037 www.dibertipark.es

### **LIBRARIES**

#### MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Placed in the city centre, it has a children area, reading areas and a separated room with computers to look up.

Gravina str. 4 Phn: 942 203 123

#### CENTRAL LIBRARY OF CANTABRIA

It has a great room for children until the age of 13, different rooms for reading, books with a wide variety of topics, computers to look up, magazines...

Phn: 942 241 550

www.bcc.cantabria.es

### **MATALEÑAS PATH**

It is one of the favourite paths to walk for children. It is a coastal path of 2 km and paved with ample slabs and protected by a wooden fence that begins in the second beach of El Sardinero and finishes in Mataleñas beach, very close to Cabo Mayor Lighthouse.

The landscape along the path is always amazing and the kids will enjoy it without getting tired because it is suitable for all ages During the route you will meet Mataleñas Park, the Municipal Golf Course, Los Molinucos Beach.... and a lot of fishermen If you fancy a little more walk you can get to Cabo Mayor Lighthouse, a privileged balcony to the ocean and the place to host the Arts Centre Faro de Cabo Mayor (Phn: 942 203 648) a museum that joins arts and sea and stands out for its exhibition about lighthouses unique in Europe.

Another waymarked path is settled in La Maruca. Some elements of interest are El Panteón del Inglés ("pantheon of the Englishman"), some estuaries, cliffs, Molino de Aldama ("Aldama mill")... (itinerary of 7 km).



oficial web site of the Tourist department of Santander City Council:

### www.santanderspain.info

### SmartSantanderRA (AUGMENTED REALITY)

Free device for smartphones and tablets that includes nearly 2.700 places in Santande divided into different categories: beaches parks and gardens, monuments, places or interest, tourist information offices, shops art galleries and museums, libraries, cultura agenda, public transport, bike leans, parking places, bars, restaurants, accommodation, etc.







