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The Gilbert Family.

Campsite Contact Details:

Camping Playa Joyel

Playa de Ris

39180 Noja

Spain

Tel: 00 34 942 63 00 81

## Arrival Procedure

Eurocamp Independent customers should go straight to the site reception on arrival where they will be required to fill in a registration form. Reception, where English is spoken is open from 8am to 10pm all season. Customers unavoidably delayed, arriving after the barrier is down (midnight to 8am) should leave the car outside the site (there is a small car park directly outside the campsite) and go to the main campsite reception to speak to security or to the bar to find a member of staff, but the barrier will not be opened during the night time hours. We advise that you ring ahead to warn the campsite if you expect to arrive late. Please note it is not possible to leave the campsite earlier than 8am.

As Eurocamp couriers (on site from 2 May to 12 September) will be unaware of your arrival, we recommend that you visit their reception area as soon as you have settled in. Please take your completed courier card with you.

Please note – if you have booked an overnight stop in a mobile home or ready erected tent please see the special arrival procedures on your accommodation voucher.



Don't forget we're on the end of the  
phone if you need us

Call 0044 1606 787 666

our office hours are:

Monday- Friday

Saturdays

Sundays & Bank Holidays

9.00 am - 5.30 pm

10.00 am - 2.00 pm

closed

# Life On Site

This site is ideally located on Spain's Costa Verde, next to a fantastic beach and close to the port of Santander.

## Useful Information

- **Swimming pool:** There is an outdoor swimming pool with separate children's pool and also a Jacuzzi pool on the site. The pools are open from late March to mid September. Lifeguards are in attendance in July and August. Please note children must be accompanied by adults and bathing caps must be worn in the pool (these are on sale in the campsite shop). Traditional swimming trunks, not shorts, must be worn by boys and gentlemen.
- **Washblocks:** there are six wash blocks on site with clearly separated sections for Ladies and Gentlemen. Please note, most campsites do not provide toilet paper in the wash blocks and some campsite sanitary blocks do not have toilet seats.
- **Barbecues:** Charcoal and Gas barbecues can be used on your pitch, but electric barbecues are not permitted.
- **Internet access:** There is no internet access on site, but WiFi is available in the WiFi room, the bar, reception and restaurant.
- **Gas bottles:** Gas bottles can be exchanged on site.
- **Motorhome service point:** there is a Motorhome service point on site.
- **Fridge hire:** Fridge hire is available on this site. This must be requested when you arrive at reception as it cannot be pre-booked. Please contact us for any further details. Ice packs can also be frozen on site.
- **Electricity:** There will be a 6 amp 3 pin standard European electricity connection available approximately 15-20m away from your pitch. Please note, the campsite does not pre-allocate pitches to customers, you select your pitch on arrival.
- **Dogs:** please note dogs are not allowed on the campsite.

## Campsite Activities and Entertainment

We have picked out a few things to do on site that may be of interest to you. For a full list of campsite activities, please refer to our brochure or website.

### During the day

**Animal Park** - there is a small on site animal park where you can feed the animals twice a week in July and August.

**Playgrounds** - there are two play areas on site with slides, see saws, a climbing frame, balancing beams, monkey bars and a 'spinning top'. There is also an indoor play room with lots of activities for younger children.

**Tennis** - there is 1 full size, tarmac tennis court on site which is charged by the hour. Please note you will need to bring your own equipment.

**Children's Clubs** - A site run children's club in English and Spanish is organised six times a week from mid June to early September, with games and craft activities for children aged 5 to 12 years.

**Outdoor gym** - In July and August outdoor exercise bikes, a rowing machine and weight lifting equipment are available on site.

### During the evening

There is an underground, soundproof, discothèque on the site where discos held are nightly from early July to the third week in August. It is open from 10.00 p.m. to 4.00 a.m. and entrants must be at least 16 years old. There is a small charge for the disco. For children there is a twice weekly children's disco held from late July to the third week in August. There is a T.V. in the bar with Eurosport and MTV satellite channels. An open air cinema also opens from mid July to the third week in August.

### Excursions

The campsite does not offer any organised excursions.

For more comprehensive information about the campsite or local area **before you travel**, please feel free to contact us. We are always happy to help. Further information can also be found on our website.

call: 08448 440 440

click: [www.eurocampindependent.co.uk](http://www.eurocampindependent.co.uk)

Please be aware that in the early and late season, the complete range of activities may not be available. Any opening times are for guidance only, as these may vary and are subject to change by the campsite owner. Please check at reception on arrival.

## Food and Drink

There is a bar/ restaurant/pizzeria situated in a modern building with a shaded outdoor terraces. The Restaurante Joyel is open from early April to late August and serves local dishes and in the bar (open early April to late August) to you can enjoy Tapas, olives and Spanish tortilla. A take-away service is available in July and August offering roast chickens, French fries etc. There is also an ice-cream parlour onsite which sells sweets and ice creams and is open in July and August.

## Shopping

There is a mini-market general food shop on site for your basic shopping needs including bread, meat, ice cream and baby products which is open from late March to late September. In July and August there is also an onsite hairdressers and beauty salon and a gift shop selling souvenirs and other holiday items.



## European Drivers' Kit

It's compulsory to carry certain items when driving in Europe, so we've gathered together some of the essentials you'll need in this handy pack for just £14.99 inc P&P.

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# Around & About

Camping Playa Joyel is set on the coast, in the lovely province of Cantabria (towards its eastern boundary) and only 45 km from Santander.

## While you're here try...

### Fish and Shellfish

Cantabria has many excellent fish and seafood dishes featuring lobster, prawns, crab, squid, clams, sardines, sea bass, sword fish and hake.

### Paella de Marisco (Spanish Seafood Rice)

Paella Valenciana originated in the fields of Valencia, where country folk mixed rice with rabbit, snails and vegetables and cooked it over an open fire. It has evolved into Spain's most well-known dish; fish, shellfish, meat, pork and/or chicken may be used.



### Queso de Cantabria

Cantabria's Creamy Cheese, first recorded in 1647, this is a soft cheese which almost melts in the mouth. Made from the pasteurized milk from Frisona cows, it is often used in fish dishes, as well as with chicken or filling soups and stews.

## Beaches

The Playa del Ris beach next to the site has 'Blue Flag' status; sandy and safe, it is patrolled by lifeguards in high season as there can be strong undercurrents in the water here. There are many picturesque, sandy coves along the coast with wide, sandy expanses or tranquil coves. The beaches at Laredo (25 km) have been particularly recommended, its Salvé beach is 6 km long.

## Where to Shop

- **Noja** – 1 km from the site; there are a number of shops including a post office, a chemist, supermarkets ('El Arbol' is the nearest) and banks (including 'Banco de Santander' with a cash machine which accepts major credit cards).
- **Santoña** - a short drive from the site, with good shopping facilities.
- **Santander** – 45 km away, has excellent shopping and entertainment facilities. There is a 'EROSKI' hypermarket just outside Santander (and a slightly smaller hypermarket in Colindres).

**Local market days** (usually mornings only) are as follows:

**Monday** - Santander

**Tuesday** - Llanes

**Wednesday** - Noja

**Thursday** – Santander and Castro Urdiales

**Saturday** – Santoña, from 10.00 until 2.00pm – this is the largest market in the area.



## Sporting Activities

- **Freshwater Fishing** - the rivers Pas, Asón (40 km), Deva and Nansa are particularly recommended for both salmon and trout fishing. Please note a permit is required. The nearest lake is the Marisma de Victoria (7 km).
- **Canoeing** - in July and August, canoes can be hired on the beach next to the site. Customers can also use their own canoes. Competitions are held in the region every month and during August, the 'Descent of the Sella' International Canoeing Week has become a very popular event.
- **Windsurfing** - customers can use their own windsurfs on the site's own beach and in July and August windsurfs can be hired on the beach in Laredo.
- **Pedalos** - can be hired from the site's beach in July and August.
- **Golf** – there are two golf courses at 'Pedreña'; Real Golf de Pedreña (36 holes) [www.realgolfpedrena.com](http://www.realgolfpedrena.com) and La Junquera Municipal Golf Course (9 holes) as well as a course at Santander ([www.ayto-santander.es/imd.htm](http://www.ayto-santander.es/imd.htm)).
- **Mountain Climbing and Hiking** - the area around the site is fairly mountainous and there are plenty of good walks in the vicinity. Further afield, there are wonderful walks in the Picos de Europa mountain range and the area from Alto Campó to Cabuérniga. This region is also a wildlife reserve where partridges, golden eagles, and deer can be found.
- **Rock climbing and Abseiling** – both sports can be enjoyed 22 km from the site.
- **Cycling** – cycles can be hired 400 metres away from the campsite.
- **Karting** – 200 metres away from the campsite.

## Must Sees and Dos

Please see your European Guide for additional information about your local area.

### Castro Urdiales – 43 km

This is a historic fishing village and summer resort with good beaches and an interesting church attached to a castle. The town centre features characteristic houses with wooden balconies and very attractive narrow streets. An impressive castle-lighthouse dominates views of the town.

### Parque de la Naturaleza de Cabarceno – Cabarceno 41 km

A wildlife park covering 750 hectares, with a variety of species including bears, tigers, elephants, impala and giraffe and a 'Reptile World' with many venomous snakes.

### Santander - 45 km

The regional capital, with fine beaches and good shops as well as the Provincial Museum of Prehistory. The Fine Arts Museum is another popular attraction and includes paintings and etchings by Goya. You can take boat trips from Santander across the bay. [www.tourspain.org/santander/](http://www.tourspain.org/santander/)

### Santillana del Mar - 67 km

This small town dates back to medieval times and many of the 12th century buildings are very well preserved and the 15th – 17th houses and palaces are also very impressive. The little streets are full of craft shops, galleries and tourist shops. The whole town can easily be explored on foot. [www.santillana-del-mar.com/english/index-i.htm](http://www.santillana-del-mar.com/english/index-i.htm)

### Altamira Caves and Museum – 67 km

Close to Santillana del Mar, this World Heritage site is the home of cave paintings date back to 18,000 B.C. and are 270 metres long and are known as the 'Sistine Chapel' of cave art. Only 9,000 visitors are allowed per year so it is advisable to pre-book your ticket in advance, but there is a good replica of the caves and paintings to visit. The museum houses a permanent exhibition.

### Los Picos de Europa National Park

Covering 700 square kilometers, it is the biggest national park in Europe, with high mountain peaks, valleys and gorges. The highest peak is the Naranjo de Bulnes at 2,159m and there are two big lakes The Ercinal and Enol. The area is a real paradise for nature lovers, walkers and climbers. The Fuente Dé cable car, situated in Camaleno (148 km) takes you up the Mirador del Cable viewpoint, which at 1,850m gives you fantastic views over the mountains. [www.cantur.com](http://www.cantur.com)

### Bilbao and the Guggenheim Museum - 75 km

Bilbao is a historic city and port and is home to the breathtaking Guggenheim Museum; a masterpiece of contemporary architecture and home to important collections of art from the mid twentieth century to present day. [www.guggenheim.org/bilbao](http://www.guggenheim.org/bilbao)

### Events

International Festival of Santander.

This festival is held annually in August and brings together key figures from the world of opera and symphony music, dance and theatre.

Please note: Eurocamp Independent has not vetted any off site activities. Customers should undertake their own safety checks.

# Getting To Your Site

**Location:** Situated on the Cantabrian coast in Northern Spain, 39km from Santander and 70km from Bilbao. 2 kms (1.3 miles) to the north of the small town of Noja.

**Directions** From Santander/Bilbao: From the A8/E70 motorway take the exit N185 signposted Beranga/Isla/Noja. From the exit 185 follow the slip road to a roundabout and take the last exit. Follow to the next roundabout and take the first exit signposted Noja. Continue following this road, go straight over another roundabout. Continue to another roundabout passing a Repsol petrol station on your left. At the roundabout go straight on, this road takes you into Noja. On reaching Noja you will see a pharmacy on your left. Turn left into the road directly after the pharmacy and follow to the roundabout. Take the last exit and follow to the end where the road bends sharply to the right. At the end turn left and the campsite is in front of you.

## New Law re Breathalysers in France

Please be aware that a new law came in to force from 1st July 2012 that makes it COMPULSORY for all motorists in FRANCE to carry a single use breathalyser. We advise that if you are travelling to (or through) France you should carry at least two disposable breathalysers in order to comply with this new law. The breathalysers you purchase must comply to French regulations and will carry the 'French certification mark' 'NF'. These should be purchased prior to departure in the UK but can also be purchased on the ferry, in most French supermarkets, service/petrol stations or chemists. You could receive an on-the-spot fine if you cannot produce this product when asked.



**GPS co ordinates:**  
**43.49009 / -3.536696 (lat./long.)**

Campsite location

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the GPS coordinates provided, we strongly advise you cross-reference your end destination with the map above and the campsite address before you commence your journey.



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## Key Dates

### Public Holidays in Spain 2015

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday (Domingo de Ramos)  
Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday (Jueves Santo)  
Friday 3rd April - Good Friday (Viernes Santo)  
Monday 6th April - Easter Monday (Lunes de Pascua)  
Friday 1st May - Labour Day (Día del Trabajador)  
Saturday 2nd May - Day of Madrid (Día de La Comunidad Madrid)  
Sunday 24th May - Whit Sunday (Domingo de Pentecostés)  
Thursday 4th June - Corpus Christi (Corpus Christi)  
Saturday 15th August - Assumption of Mary (La Asunción de la Virgen)

National holidays in Spain are a time when the entire country comes together and gets involved in the festivities, so for the most part everything completely shuts down. This includes shops and banks as well as most cafes and bars. Holidays in Spain are taken on the exact day they fall whether that be midweek or weekend. This means that a large percentage of people take days off, a "puente" (bridge), to create four or five day long weekends.

## Handy Hints and Tips

**Shop Opening & Closing** - The classic shopping days are Monday to Saturday, with shops generally open from 10 a.m. till late. Stores generally close on Sundays.

**Please Note** - Although some larger stores or those in popular tourist areas may remain open at lunchtimes and Sundays, this is optional and not guaranteed.

**Meal times** - traditionally in Spain, lunch time is not before 2pm and dinner is usually as late as about 10pm, but restaurants in tourist areas usually adjust their time table to allow people to eat earlier.

**Dialing Codes** - If dialing the UK use 00 44 and drop the first 0 from the dialing code if dialing The Republic of Ireland use 00 353 and drop the first 0 from the dialing code

## Tourist Information Office

Main Tourist Office Santander Hernan Cortes 4, Mecado del Este, C.P. 39003  
Santander. 00 34 942 310 708

Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided in this guide, to the best of our knowledge, is both helpful and correct at the time of going to press.

## Important Information

**Car breakdown** - Please note that in the event of breakdown all customers insured through Eurocamp Independent should consult their Insurance Terms and Conditions booklet. Couriers on site will have information of local garages.

Due to recent European legislation it is now a requirement when driving in Europe that all cars need to carry a reflective jacket at all times. These reflective jackets can be purchased almost everywhere in Europe for approx 8 to 15 Euros each.

**Personal Injury** The chances of you and your family either having an accident or becoming the victims of crime whilst on holiday are extremely low. However, you should encourage the members of your party to take the same sensible precautions that they would do at home.

Try to avoid walking alone at night, and keep to well-lit main roads where possible. You should try to avoid short cuts like alleyways, waste ground and wooded, bushy areas. Stay alert: be aware of what's going on around you.

It is always worth letting someone know where you are going, the route you intend to take and when you expect to return.

We want you to have a safe holiday - please read campsite notices carefully and ensure all members of your party understand the rules and regulations as they are there for your own safety.

## Emergency Information

**Emergencies.** In the event of an emergency please contact the main campsite reception for details of local emergency services. In July and August a doctor visits the campsite from 6 to 7pm Monday to Friday.

Dentist	Noja	Tel: 0034 942 675 054
Doctors	Noja	Tel: 0034 942 631 198
Hospital	Laredo	Tel: 0034 942 638 500
Vet	Noja	Tel: 0034 942 631 296