



**Cultural Exchange Project
Boise (Idaho) – Txorierri (Biscay)**

**Proyecto Cultural De Intercambio
Txorierri (Bizkaia) – Boise (Idaho)**

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Project Objective

Would you like to visit Basque Country and learn Basque or Spanish?



Would you like to visit one of the oldest cultures in Europe?



Do you want to find yourself at home in Basque Country?





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The objective of this program is to share the experience of living abroad while learning a new language. To facilitate this we need to collaborate with families in Idaho and the province of Biscay. We ask that families encourage their children to travel to Basque Country and also host a Basque student in their homes. This program is set up as a cooperative between the communities, in that families will reciprocate hosting students.

One of the primary objectives of this program is to learn or improve upon a foreign language. In our case, we offer the opportunity to improve knowledge of the English, Basque and Spanish languages with a focus on communication and expression.

So the students can communicate well, the student should have intermediate knowledge of the shared language (Basque or Spanish-English). For the students who desire to travel, they should be able to communicate at an intermediate level.

Apart from learning a new language, there are other reasons to participate in this cultural exchange program. Uniting the communities in Boise and the Txorierrri Valley will allow us to share our common and distinct cultural knowledge. Field trips to cultural celebrations, sporting events and to the great outdoors will be organized for the students.

The stay abroad has been calculated to be in two stages with each being a month long. Boise students begin school at the end of August so they will be the first to travel to the Txorierrri Valley from June 24-July 24, 2011 while the students from the Txorierrri Valley will travel secondly from July 24-August 24, 2011.



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Project Information

Ages of Students	14-20
Duration of Stay	Four Weeks
Forms to Complete	Student Registration Form Parental Consent Form Familiar Accommodation Consent Form Student Information Form
Necessary Documentation	Passport Medical Insurance
Boise and Txorierri Populations	Boise 200,000 Txorierri 15,000 Inhabitants
Price	\$2,500 For Flights and Accommodation. Field Trips and Optional Trips Not Included
Type of Accommodation	Full Room and Board Provided by Host Family
Field Trips	Minimum of One Field Trip per Week
Currency Exchange	American Dollar - Euro
Dates	June 24- July 24, 2011



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Projected Trip Itineraries

Trip to Boise:

Outward trip: Bilbao->Madrid->Philadelphia->Denver->Boise

Return trip: Boise->Denver->Philadelphia->Madrid->Bilbao

Trip to Bilbao:

Outward trip: Boise->Chicago->Brussels->Bilbao

Return trip: Bilbao->Brussels->Chicago->Boise

The layovers and routes may change due to dates and airlines. The above flight itineraries are based on past dates.



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Accommodation

We have already discussed this some, but there are several alternatives that we have not explained that should be made clear.

This is primarily a direct exchange between families. Your family will host a foreign student and send your student abroad to live with his/her family. This is the ideal situation, but not all cases will be so.

We have several possibilities to adapt in this aspect. We know there will be families who accept a foreign student without sending their student to the corresponding family.

Once we know who the students interested in the exchange are, we will communicate with each family of the possibility of hosting a student in their home. If for private or familiar reasons a family is not willing to host, we will find an alternate host family.

The accommodation will include full room and board; the objective of each family will be that the student feels comfortable and is incorporated into the daily activities of the family and home. Each family will help the student with communication and the improvement upon a foreign language. Furthermore, the four weeks of vacation are intended to provide the most time possible for the student to live with the host family.



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Activities

The activities are in the process of being developed by the Ikasgela Academy. You will be kept informed of the celebrations and fiestas in the important cities of the Txorierri Valley.

Furthermore, we will organize field trips to important and historic sites of Biscay along with sporting activities with the collaboration and permission of the various town halls of the Txorierri Valley.

The students coming to Boise will also have the opportunities to take part in field trips to historic sites and to the multitude of natural sites near the city in order to see the differences and similarities between the cultures of Idaho and the province of Biscay.



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Forms

The forms on the “Project Information” page are required in order to reserve your place in the exchange program along with a \$200 deposit.

Especially the Student Information Form:

- Description of all allergies, respiratory problems or other general problems
- Special foods needs
- Sports/activities in which the student is incapable of participating

Student Registration Form
Parental Consent Form
Familiar Accommodation Consent Form
Student Information Form