

# 9th CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR HIGH ABILITY



## Educational Technology for Gifted Education From Information Age to Knowledge Era

Pamplona, Navarra, Spain, September 10 – 13, 2004

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#### The Rationale

Information is not synonymous with knowledge in our society today: information is external whereas knowledge is internal; information may lack meaning, whereas knowledge is always meaningful. It is specific to each person, emerging only after meaning has been attributed to information. One of the most important missions of education precisely consists in transforming information into knowledge.

The Society of Knowledge demands that the Education System undergoes a series of changes among which are the following:

- The necessary redefinition of learning: to learn is no longer simply 'knowing things', but now requires the ability to manage information, to confront new problems, and to design new methods of resolving them, ... it is to learn to make decisions about the work to be done.
- The necessary redefinition of the work teachers do: what is most important is the "learning", not the "teaching"; the protagonist of the activity must be the student, because it is the student who must make the information his/her own and transform it into knowledge that is meaningful and functional. Encouraging intellectual habits is one of the keys to achieving this and therein lies one of the major challenges for the education system today.
- The necessary change of the student from spectator to protagonist, from a subject who is acted upon to an agent who does the acting, and the consequent change of the teacher from actor to advisor and guide, from deliverer of information to counselor, thus transferring to the student the protagonism that is rightfully his/hers.

The establishment of New Technologies and their ordinary integration into teaching and learning will make these changes possible; not because they facilitate fast access to information, but because they require teachers and students to assume different roles and to no longer treat information in a linear fashion in order to allow for diverse ways for its structuring.

This **9th Conference of the European Council for High Ability** should serve as the groundwork for a profound analysis of these issues, to come to know the latest advances and possibilities in New Technologies, and to evaluate the ongoing research in this field. Educational Technology is not only for the education of the gifted, but rather, serves the more ambitious purpose of helping to provide a gifted education for everyone: this is our commitment and our challenge.

Javier Tourón  
Conference Chairman

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# GENERAL PROGRAM\*

## Thursday, September 9, 2004

Morning                      Pre-Conference Tour

## Friday, September 10, 2004

All Day                      Arrivals

17:00 - 21:00              Registration at the Tres Reyes Hotel

20:30                        Get Together Cocktail at the Tres Reyes Hotel

## Saturday, September 11, 2004

08:30 - 10:00              Registration at the University of Navarra

10:00 - 11:30              Opening Ceremony

Keynote Presentation:

VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS: PROMISES AND REALITIES

P. Wallace, *The Johns Hopkins University, USA*

11:30 – 12:00              Coffee Break

12:00 - 13:30              Parallel Sessions

13:30 - 15:00              Lunch

15:00 - 16:30              Parallel Sessions

16:30 - 17:00              Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:30              Parallel Sessions

18:30 – 19:30              ECHA General Assembly

20:30                        Reception & Folklore at the Central Building of the University of Navarra

## Sunday, September 12, 2004

09:15 - 10:30              Keynote Presentation:

NETWORKED: THE NEW SCIENCE OF COLLABORATIVE GIFTEDNESS

H. Tirri, *Nokia Research Center, Finland*

10:30 - 11:00              Coffee Break

11:00 - 13:00              Parallel Sessions

13:00 - 14:30              Lunch and free time for Mass at the University Chapel

14:30 - 16:30              Parallel Sessions

16:30 - 17:00              Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:30              Parallel Sessions

20:30                        Gala dinner at "Palacio Castillo De Gorraiz", a XVI century palace which was constructed by Lanzarot de Gorraiz (Optional)

## Monday, September 13, 2004

09:15 - 10:30              Keynote Presentation

THE LEARNING RENAISSANCE

C. Yapp, *Lifelong Learning National Grid for Learning, UK*

10:30 - 11:00              Coffee Break

11:00 - 13:00              Parallel Sessions

13:00 - 14:30              Lunch

14:30 - 16:30              Parallel Sessions

16:30 - 17:00              Coffee Break

17:00 - 18:00              Parallel Sessions

18:00 – 18:30              Closing Session

20:30                        Visit to Bodegas Otazu, a typical wine cellar including dinner (Optional)

The history of this Bodega dates back to the Middle Ages, being the home of Spain's northernmost red wine vineyards. Under the old Bodega building (XIX century) a newer part was built, keeping together tradition and modernity. A place thought of as the "Cathedral of wine".

## Tuesday-Wednesday, September 14-15, 2004

Departures

Post Conference Tours

\* The detailed Scientific Program will be published no later than May 20 on the conference website [www.ortra.com/echa](http://www.ortra.com/echa) and will be updated from time to time.

# ACCOMPANYING PERSON'S PROGRAM

## Half-Day Tour in Pamplona

**Saturday, September 11, 2004**

09:30

Departure from the Conference hotels to a visit in Pamplona. The visit will commence with a panoramic bus tour of the modern zone of the City, including: **Yamaguchi Park & Planetarium, the University of Navarra and medical campus**, and the "**Ensanche**" (the new "enlargement" of Pamplona). Next, continue to a visit of the **Ciudadela** ("Military Citadel") and the park surrounding it ("La Vuelta del Castillo"). It is a grand military structure, in the shape of a five-pointed star that today is a green belt and park for the use of the city's residents and visitors.

Next, travel to the **Plaza del Castillo**, the center of "Old Town", for a walking tour, which begins with the theme of the "**Running of the Bulls**" and the **Festival of Saint Fermin** including a visit to the **Plaza de Toros** the "bullfighting arena" (if open) and strolling down the famous **Estafeta Street**. Then, the tour will ascend to the **Cathedral**, which rests on the highest part of the City. Visiting the church, its cloister, and the Diocesan Museum, as well as a great viewpoint on the city. Continue walking through the history of Pamplona and the route that leads travelers down the ancient pilgrimage trail to Santiago de Compostela.

Arrive at the **Ayuntamiento** ("Town Hall"), a baroque façade structure that was constructed in 1756, and is known throughout the world as the launch-site for the famous "rocket", which marks the beginning of the nine-day Festival of Saint Fermin. Nearby, is the "**Church of Saint Saturnino**", a charming example of XIII century craftsmanship, with a grand baroque chapel dedicated to the patron saint of Pamplona, Virgen del Camino.

## Half-Day Tour to Olite

**Monday, September 13, 2004**

09:30

Departure from the Conference hotels to a visit to Olite. Olite was the capital of the kingdom of Navarra. It keeps the medieval structure with narrow streets, stone houses and two important churches. The church of Santa María was built in gothic style and it has a great façade from the XIII century. The church of San Pedro was started to be built in Romanesque style and it has a Romanesque cloister and an original gothic tower. Continue to a visit to the castle of Olite. The castle-palace of Olite is the result of different constructive moments. The oldest part is from the XIII century and today is used as a Parador (Hotel). The palace was built during the kingdom of Charles the III, at the end of the XIV century and beginning of the XV.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## The Venue

The Conference will be hosted by the University of Navarra, which was founded in 1952 by the Saint Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer. The University is a Corporate Work of Opus Dei (a personal prelature of the Catholic Church). The University offers 27 official degrees and over 300 postgraduate programs. With more than 16.000 students, 2449 professors, 577 research assistants and 152 doctoral dissertations in the last academic year, the University is considered one of the best universities in Spain according to quality criteria used in recent evaluation studies. In addition to the main campus in Pamplona, it has business schools in Madrid and Barcelona and a Secretarial College and Engineering School in San Sebastian. The University of Navarra also has a University Hospital, which employs around 1,700 professionals and provides treatment for over 100,000 patients every year.

## Pamplona, Capital City of Navarra

Navarra is a world of sensations. Its nature, its history, the traditions and the socio-cultural events of this ancient autonomous community have made Navarra a destination that presents a unique mixture of impressions and emotions.

Pamplona, capital of the Ancient Kingdom of Navarra, is internationally known thanks to the Fiesta of San Fermín and its Bull Run. Since the foundation of Pamplona by the Romans in 75 BC, several cultures have left a rich legacy in the city. The city blends tradition and modernity in perfect harmony. The old part of the city, built in the middle ages is still surrounded by the city walls. The nearby citadel is now a public park and venue for exhibitions. Pamplona enjoys a high quality of life and modern services.

## Language

The Conference official language is English, including lectures and printed material. Certain lectures by invited speakers and symposia will be held in Spanish. Details will be published in the Scientific Program.

## Accommodation

The Organizing Committee appointed Ortra to reserve rooms in Pamplona at hotels of different grades, which will be available to the participants at special conference rates when booked through Ortra. For more details please see the "Travel, Tours and Accommodation" page.

## Pre - and post – Conference Tours

Pre and post-Conference tours in the Navarra area have been arranged for interested participants. Please see the "Travel, Tours and Accommodation" Page.

## Transportation

Pamplona is easily accessible from anywhere in Europe by air or modern expressways.

Air - Pamplona Airport (Noain) has connections via Madrid and Barcelona to main European cities, while Bilbao and Biarritz are only 90 minutes drive away and provide international connections.

Drive – please visit [multimap.com](http://multimap.com) to plan your route

Train – please see [www.renfe.es/ingles](http://www.renfe.es/ingles) for schedules and ticket prices

## Visa

Participants from most countries do not require visa to Spain. For more information, please contact the nearest Spanish Consulate / Embassy or ask your travel agent.

## Climate and Clothing

Pamplona's average temperature in September is 19.2°C (67F). No rain is expected. Warm clothes are recommended for evenings and tours. Dress will be informal throughout the Conference.

## Currency

The unit of currency in Spain is Euro. US\$ 1 = €0.80 (as of April, 2004). There are no restrictions on transfer and use of foreign currencies in Spain. Most international credit cards are accepted.

Currency Exchange - [www.rubicon.com/passport/currency/currency.htm](http://www.rubicon.com/passport/currency/currency.htm)

## Electricity

Electricity in Spain is supplied at 220V, 50Hz and has a double-pin connecting plug.

# REGISTRATION

<b>Fees in Euro (€)</b>	<b>Early Registration Until June 20, 2004</b>	<b>Late Registration From June 21, 2004</b>
Participant	€ 370	€ 420
Participant ECHA Member	€ 340	€ 390
Accompanying Person	€ 150	€ 170
Student <sup>1</sup>	€ 160	€ 180
Gala Dinner at "Palacio Castillo De Gorraiz " (Optional) <sup>2</sup> on Sunday, September 12, 2004	€ 65	€ 65
Visit to Bodegas Otazu, typical wine cellar including dinner (Optional) <sup>2</sup> on Monday, September 13, 2004	€ 62	€ 62

<sup>1</sup> A person can benefit from a **student rate** only if he/she is a fulltime student who studies for up to a Masters degree and upon presentation of a confirmation letter from his/her Professor.

<sup>2</sup>Including transportation

**Limited funds for participants from soft-currency countries will be available.  
Applications should reach the Conference Secretariat no later than June 20, 2004.**

## Fees for participants include:

- Participation in the scientific program
- Conference kit
- 3 Lunches and refreshments
- Informal "Get together" on Friday, September 10, 2004
- Reception & Folklore at the central building of the University of Navarra on Saturday, September 11, 2004
- Shuttle service between the University of Navarra and the Conference hotels during session hours

## Fees for Accompanying persons include:

- Informal "Get together" on Friday, September 10
- Reception & Folklore at the central building of the University of Navarra on Saturday, September 11, 2004
- Two half-day tours as per program
- Shuttle service between the University of Navarra and the Conference hotels during session hours

## Registration

Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and send it together with your payment to the Conference Secretariat. Payments can be made by bank draft or bank transfer to account #142-472330, Bank Hapoalim (swift code poalilit), Branch no. 780, Itzhak Sade' Street, Tel Aviv or by Credit Card (Visa/MasterCard/Diners/American Express only). Payment by Credit Card will be charged in US\$, based on the exchange rate between the Euro and the US\$ on the date of payment.

## Registration Payment Terms

Registration fees including tickets for optional events will be charged upon receipt of registration forms. Payments will be refunded according to the cancellation policy.

## Cancellation Policy

Refund of registration fees will be made if written notification of cancellation is received as follows:

Until July 8, 2004 –	Full refund less € 80 handling fees
July 9 - August 17, 2004 –	50% Refund
After August 18, 2004 –	No Refund

# TRAVEL, TOURS & ACCOMMODATION

The Organizing Committee has appointed **Ortra Ltd.** as the official organizer and travel agent for the Conference.

Rooms in different grades have been reserved at the following hotels and will be offered to the conference participants at reduced rates when booked through Ortra. Double and single occupancy is available. **Shuttle service will be provided during sessions' hours between the University of Navarra and the Conference hotels.**

**Hotel Tres Reyes** (4 star and conference headquarter) is located in the middle of the city. It has spacious rooms all with external view and most are with a balcony. The rooms are equipped with air conditioning, bathroom, a direct dial telephone, satellite T.V. channels, minibar, ironing service and safe box. The hotel has an English Bar, with live piano music for the leisure of its guests, Gourmet Restaurant and a Gym, with sauna, squash, solarium, toning and weightlifting room, hairdresser and summer swimming pool.

**Abba Reino de Navarra Hotel** (3 star) is facing the only garden of Japanese design that exists in Spain, the beautiful Yamaguchi Park and only a few minutes from the historical center of the city. The rooms have satellite TV, individual air conditioning and minibar.

**AC Ciudad de Pamplona** (3 star) is conveniently located near the historical center of Pamplona. Its renovated rooms have satellite TV and amenities. The hotel has a fitness center, mini bar, business facilities, restaurant and a Coffee shop.

**Hostel Arriazu** is located the heart of Pamplona, two steps away from the old part of the city, in the middle of the commercial zone. 5 minutes walk from the Hotel Tres Reyes, the Conference headquarters hotel. The rooms are equipped with bathroom, air-conditioning TV and minibar.

## Additional Tourist Services

**Ortra Ltd.** offers pre - and post - Conference tours. Participants are invited to make additional tourist services reservations as desired, such as hotel extensions, car rentals, touring in limousines with driver/guide, etc..

## TRAVEL TO PAMPLONA

The official airline for the conference is [Iberia Airlines](#). Delegates and their accompanying persons are offered discounted airfares as outlined below:

Discounts on return flights with PAMPLONA / BILBAO as a final destination:

### Domestic flights:

25% discount on full **Business** Class fares.

30% discount on full **Economy** Class fares

### European flights:

25% discount on full **Business**, **Economy** and **Eurobudget** fares.

### Intercontinental flights:

25% discount on full fares: **Business**, **Economy** and **Excursion** published, without restrictions and upon availability on the flight.

These conditions refer exclusively to confirmed IBERIA flights (no code-share flights IB-7000), travelling from 2 days before to 2 days after the Event for domestic and European flights, and from 7 days before to 7 days after for Intercontinental flights. **These tickets can be issued by IBERIA Ticket Offices.** Please advise the following code **BT4IB21MPE0183** when making your reservation.

## A. AIRPORT TRANSFERS

A.1. Ortra will arrange, upon request, private transfers including assistance for up to 4 persons from Bilbao or Pamplona Airports to the Conference hotels.

**Private Car Rates:**

From Pamplona Airport           € 49 per car  
From Bilbao Airport           € 195 per car

A.2. Alternatively, sharing transfers from **Pamplona Airport** to the Conference hotels are offered on **September 10 only** on the following hours at cost of € 20 per person.

Departure hours: 11:15, 12:30, 15:00, 16:00, 18:15, 21:00

A.3. Alternatively, sharing transfers from **Bilbao Airport** to the Conference hotels are offered on **September 10 only** on the following hours at cost of € 65 per person.

Departure hours: 10:30, 12:15, 14:15, 15:15, 17:45, 21:30

Participants who book this service should notify the Secretariat of their arrival details no later than one week prior to their arrival and they will be met at the airport by Ortra Ltd. representatives.

## B. DAILY ACCOMMODATION RATES<sup>1</sup>:

	Per Person in a Double Room <sup>2</sup>	Per Person in a Single Room
<b>Hotel Tres Reyes<sup>3</sup></b> (4 star and Conference Headquarters)	€ 80	€ 121
<b>Abba Reino de Navarra Hotel</b> (3 star)	€ 52	€ 92
<b>AC Ciudad de Pamplona</b> (3 star)	€ 47	€ 78
<b>Hotel Plaza</b> (2 star) / <b>Hostel Arriazu<sup>4</sup></b>	€ 34	€ 62

<sup>1</sup> Rates include: one night accommodation, breakfast, service charge and 7% TVA

<sup>2</sup> Participants requesting to share a double room should specify on their Tourist Services form the name of the person they plan to share a room with. The forms should be submitted together. Reservations for shared rooms will not be accepted unless the forms are received together.

<sup>3</sup> Executive room supplement: € 35 per room per night

<sup>4</sup> The price of € 34 per person is applicable for up to 3 persons in a room.



## C. PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS

### C.1. Two-Day Tour to Baztan Valley and a Medieval Journey

**Wednesday, September 8, 2004 – Friday, September 10, 2004**

#### **Wednesday, September 8, 2004**

Arrival and overnight at your chosen hotel.

#### **Thursday, September 9, 2004**

Departure to a visit to **the Valley of Baztán**, which is in the most northern part of Navarra. The shields on the façades of the houses show the noble origin of the people of this valley, recognized by the king in the XV century. Drive from Pamplona with a stop at the **Mirador Del Baztán** for a beautiful view of the valley. Continue to a visit to **Zugarramurdi**, a Cave where the witches celebrated their Akelarres (parties). Then visit to **Elizondo** and a break for lunch. Elizondo is the capital and the commercial centre of the valley. There it is possible to see typical Basque houses and "Indiano" style, which were built by the people who returned from America. Proceed to a visit to the **Natural Park Of Bertiz** more than 2.000 hectares of beech trees, oaks and chestnuts. The area we visit is an exotic garden with 120 kinds of trees, which is situated on the lowest part, by the Bidasoa River. The garden has waterfalls, artificial lakes and nesting birds. Return to Pamplona and overnight in your chosen hotel.

#### **Friday, September 10, 2004**

Departing Pamplona and begin the tour with a visit to the **Monastery of Leyre**. The first mentioning of this monastery dates back to the X century. It is the seat and court of the Pyrenean Dominion and Panteon Regio of the Monarcas Vascones. Proceed to the town of **Sangüesa**, which was the border with the kingdom of Aragon, thus a very important stop on the way of the pilgrims. The monuments to visit are the **Church of Santa María** (XII century), with one of the most important Romanesque style façades in Spain, and the **Palace of the Principe de Viana**, residence of the kings of Navarra (XII - XIII century). Lunch break and visit of the **Basilica** and **Parroquia** (Chapel) of **Castillo de Javier**, where San Francisco Javier was born in 1506. The castle was founded around a tower from the XI century and was finished at the end of the XV century. It is placed in the border of the kingdom of Aragón and became one of the most important buildings of Navarra. In 1516, after the annexation of Navarra to the kingdom of Castilla, the castle was destroyed. The castle stayed untouched until the end of the XIX century when renovation work has begun. Return to Pamplona.

#### **RATES:**

	<b>Per Person in a Double Room<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Per Person in a Single Room</b>
<b>Hotel Tres Reyes<sup>3</sup></b> (4 star and conference headquarters)	€ 307	€ 389
<b>Abba Reino de Navarra Hotel</b> (3 star)	€ 251	€ 331
<b>AC Ciudad de Pamplona</b> (3 star)	€ 263	€ 349
<b>Hotel Plaza</b> (2 star) / <b>Hostel Arriazu<sup>4</sup></b>	€ 215	€ 271

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Two full day tours with an English-speaking guide
- Two nights accommodation at your chosen hotel including breakfast, service charge and 7% TVA
- Entrance fees to sites and lunches on touring days.

**RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:** - Tips and other personal expenses.

#### **NOTE:**

The tour will operate with a minimum of 15 participants.

## **C.2. Three-Day Tour to the Pilgrim's Road, Baztan Valley and a Medieval Journey** **Tuesday, September 7, 2004 – Friday, September 10, 2004**

### **Tuesday, September 7, 2004**

Arrival and overnight at your chosen hotel.

### **Wednesday, September 8, 2004**

Departure from Pamplona and a stop in **Alto del Perdón** for a panoramic view of Navarra area, the Pilgrims' road and the monument for their honor. Then continue to **Estella**, a town placed in the Pilgrims Way to Santiago, visiting **old Franks quarter** including the **old Town Hall** (XVII century); the **Kings' Palace** (XII century), the **Church of San Pedro de la Rúa**, the **Church of San Miguel Arcángel** (XII – XVI centuries) and **Santo Sepulcro Church** (XIII century). Continue to a visit to **Puente la Reina**, the imposing Romanesque seven-span bridge (XI century) and town, whose importance is due to being at a crossroads on the Pilgrims' Way. Puente la Reina has two important churches: the **Church of Santiago el Mayor** with its Romanesque facade, Baroque tower and French Gothic images in its interior; and the **Church of the Crucifix** founded by the Templar in the XII century. The main street (Calle Mayor) is a good example of the Jacobean architecture. Proceed to a visit to the **Church of Santa María de Eunate**, a small octagonal church built in the XII century placed in the Pilgrims' way to Santiago, and stands alone in a beautiful scenery of opened and flat land. Return to Pamplona and overnight in your chosen hotel.

### **Thursday, September 9, 2004**

Departure to a visit to **the Valley of Baztán**, which is in the nordest part of Navarra. The shields on the façades of the houses show the noble origin of the people of this valley, recognized by the king in the XV century. Drive from Pamplona with a stop at the **Mirador Del Baztán** for a beautiful view of the valley. Continue to a visit to **Zugarramurdi**, a Cave where the witches celebrated their Akelarres (parties). Then a visit to **Elizondo** and a break for lunch. Elizondo is the capital and the commercial centre of the valley. There it is possible to see typical Basque houses and "Indiano" style, which were built by the people who returned from America. Proceed to a visit to the **Natural Park Of Bertiz**. More than 2.000 hectares of beech trees, oaks and chestnuts. The area we visit is an exotic garden with 120 kinds of trees, which is situated on the lowest part, by Bidasoa River. The garden has waterfalls, artificial lakes and nesting birds. Return to Pamplona and overnight in your chosen hotel.

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#### **RATES:**

	<b>Per Person in a Double Room<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Per Person in a Single Room</b>
<b>Hotel Tres Reyes<sup>3</sup></b> (4 star and conference headquarters)	€457	€580
<b>Abba Reino de Navarra Hotel</b> (3 star)	€373	€493
<b>AC Ciudad de Pamplona</b> (3 star)	€391	€520
<b>Hotel Plaza</b> (2 star) / <b>Hostel Arriazu<sup>4</sup></b>	€319	€403

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Three full-day tours with an English-speaking guide
- Three nights accommodation at your chosen hotel including breakfast, service charge and 7% TVA
- Entrance fees to sites and lunches on touring days.

#### **RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:** - Tips and other personal expenses.

#### **NOTE:**

The tour will operate with a minimum of 15 participants.

## D. POST-CONFERENCE TOURS

### D.1. Full-Day Tour to San Sebastian

**Tuesday, September 14, 2004 - Wednesday, September 15, 2004**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2004**

Departing Pamplona for a visit to **Saint Jean de Luz** (France). This town is well known for its typical houses and its fishing port, which was very important in the IX century for whale and cod fishing in Terra Nova. During our visit we will see the city defence-walls, the fishing port and the city center. Continue on to the old town called **Fuenterrabia**. Built on a high mountain overlooking the Bidasoa River's mouth and on the border with France, the town played a leading role in various battles and sieges. The old town is surrounded by big walls dated back to the XVI century. Some palaces still exist, as well as the strong Carlos V castle, which is today a Parador Nacional (state-owned hotel). Outside the city walls, we will visit the **Marina neighbourhood**, with its typical fishing houses painted in green and red. Lunch break and visit to **San Sebastian** by the sea. This town was destroyed many times during various wars and completely rebuilt at the beginning of the IXX century. Later on, the town walls were demolished, and in the early XX century the town developed as a famous holiday resort. Also worth mentioning are the **Town Hall**, the theatre **Victoria Eugenia**, the **María Cristina Hotel**, the **Miramar Royal Palace** and the **Gipuzcoa Diputación** (Regional Government), as well as the bridges **Kursaal** and **María Cristina**, which make up a fascinating place. We will go for a pleasant walk along the streets of the Old Town, the Alderdi Eder Gardens, the "Paseo nuevo" or even climb to Mount Igueldo to enjoy its curious Fun Fair and the incredible views. Return to Pamplona and overnight at your chosen hotel.

**Wednesday, September 15, 2004**

Departure.

#### **RATES:**

	Per Person in a Double Room <sup>2</sup>	Per Person in a Single Room
<b>Hotel Tres Reyes<sup>3</sup></b> (4 star and conference headquarters)	€ 157	€ 198
<b>Abba Reino de Navarra Hotel</b> (3 star)	€ 129	€ 169
<b>AC Ciudad de Pamplona</b> (3 star)	€ 135	€ 178
<b>Hotel Plaza</b> (2 star) / <b>Hostel Arriazu<sup>4</sup></b>	€ 111	€ 139

#### **RATES INCLUDE:**

- Full-day tour in an air-conditioned bus with a licensed English-speaking guide, entrance fees and lunch
- One night accommodation at your chosen hotel including breakfast, service charge and 7% TVA

#### **RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:**

- Tips and other personal expenses

#### **NOTE:**

- The tour will operate with a minimum of 15 participants

### D.2. Two-Day Tour to San Sebastian and Bilbao

**Tuesday, September 14, 2004 – Thursday, September 16, 2004**

**Tuesday, September 14, 2004**

Departing Pamplona for a visit to **Saint Jean de Luz** (France). This town is well known for its typical houses and its fishing port, which was very important in the IX century for whale and cod fishing in Terra Nova. During our visit we will see the city defence-walls, the fishing port and the city center. Continue on to the old town called **Fuenterrabia**. Built on a high mountain overlooking the Bidasoa River's mouth and on the border with France, the town played a leading role in various battles and sieges. The old town is surrounded by big walls dated back to the XVI century. Some palaces still exist, as well as the strong Carlos V castle, which is today a Parador Nacional (state-owned hotel). Outside the city walls, we will visit the **Marina neighbourhood**, with its typical fishing houses painted in green and red. Lunch break and visit to **San Sebastian** by the sea. This town was destroyed many times during various wars and completely rebuilt at the beginning of the IXX century. Later on, the town walls were demolished, and in the early XX century the town developed as a famous holiday resort. Also worth mentioning are the **Town Hall**, the theatre **Victoria Eugenia**, the **María Cristina Hotel**, the **Miramar Royal Palace** and the **Gipuzcoa Diputación** (Regional Government), as well as the bridges **Kursaal** and **María Cristina**, which make up a fascinating place. We will go for a pleasant walk along the streets of the Old Town, the Alderdi Eder Gardens, the "Paseo nuevo" or even climb to Mount Igueldo to enjoy its curious Fun Fair and the incredible views. Return to Pamplona and overnight at your chosen hotel.

**Wednesday, September 15, 2004**

Departing Pamplona for a visit to Bilbao old and new parts as well as the famous Guggenheim Museum. Bilbao was founded on 1300, as a privilege from the Lord of Bizkaia. The Pilgrims' Road has a strong influence on its development, being also the way to get the coast from Castilla. During XV and XVI centuries Bilbao was an important commercial center for iron and ship makers. On the XIX century Bilbao was expanded and new buildings (the new town hall and the Theatre Arriaga, inspired by the Opera Garnier from Paris) were constructed by well-known architects such as Frank O'Ghery, Norman Foster and Calatrava. On the XXI century Bilbao is going to be one of the most important and biggest cities in Spain due to its developed industry.

**Thursday, September 16, 2004**

Departure.

**RATES:**

	Per Person in a Double Room <sup>2</sup>	Per Person in a Single Room
<b>Hotel Tres Reyes<sup>3</sup></b> (4 star and conference headquarters)	€ 336	€ 418
<b>Abba Reino de Navarra Hotel</b> (3 star)	€ 280	€ 360
<b>AC Ciudad de Pamplona</b> (3 star)	€ 292	€ 378
<b>Hotel Plaza</b> (2 star) / <b>Hostel Arriazu<sup>4</sup></b>	€ 244	€ 300

**RATES INCLUDE:**

- Two full day tours in an air-conditioned bus with a licensed English-speaking guide, entrance fees and lunches
- Two nights accommodation at your chosen hotel including breakfast, service charge and 7% TVA

**RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:** - Tips and other personal expenses.

**NOTE:**

- The tour will operate with a minimum of 15 participants.

**REQUEST FOR TOURIST SERVICES**

You are kindly requested to make reservations on the enclosed "Tourist Services Form" and return it with payment to Ortra Ltd. Payment to Ortra Ltd. can be made by bank draft or bank transfer to account no. #142-472330 at Bank Hapoalim (swift code poalilit), Branch no. 780, Itzhak Sade' Street, Tel-Aviv or by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Diners and American Express only). Payment by Credit Card will be charged in US\$, based on the exchange rate between the Euro and the US\$ on the date of payment."

**Tourist Services Terms of Payment**

A two (2) nights deposit will be charged upon receipt of the hotel accommodation reservation, and the remainder will be charged by Ortra Ltd. a week prior to the opening date of the conference. Other tourist services will be charged in full upon receipt of the reservations. Deposits will be refunded according to the cancellation policy.

**TOURIST SERVICES CANCELLATION POLICY**

In case of cancellation, payments will be refunded in full, except for € 80 handling fee, if written notification reaches Ortra by July 8, 2004. Afterwards €120 cancellation fee plus one night hotel charge will be retained.

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