

Sven's restaurants guide of Santander
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All the information provided are from personal experience and written down from the top of my head (now with some "user's information" :-).

Please help to improve this guide by providing more detailed information.

Lunch options around IFCA



1. **IFCA**
2. **Cafeteria of physics**
food: mostly sandwiches and drinks
ambiance: simple, few light, but it's ours
price: relatively cheap
3. **Canteen of the university**
food: lunch menu, quality ??
ambiance: fast in, fast out
price: ??
4. **Canteen of the university**
food: lunch menu, medium/lower quality
ambiance: fast in, fast out
price: 6.25 Euro, coffee extra
5. **Restaurant "Bedoya 2"**
food: lunch menu medium quality
ambiance: typical for spanish lunch places
price: ~ 9 Euro, coffee extra
6. **Restaurant "Escudero"**
food: lunch menu medium quality
ambiance: typical for spanish lunch places
price: ~ 9 Euro, coffee extra

7. **Canteen of the UIMP**

food: lunch menu, medium quality

ambiance: ok for a canteen

price: \sim 7 Euro

1. **Hotel Chiqui**
food: I was told it is good, (very) slow service
ambiance: on the terrace: nice; inside: so so
price: I was told: expensive
2. **Cafeteria “La Corona”**
food: some simple tapas, medium quality
ambiance: after renovation: very “bright”, a bit sterile
price: medium to higher
3. **Seafood “Acuario” (WHA)**
food: mostly seafood, very good quality; try the “rabas”!
ambiance: very typical, rustic, simple
price: medium
4. **Various small places**
Here your input is needed!
5. **Restaurant “El Parque” (I have only been outside)**
food: full meals, sandwiches, snacks, drinks, ...
ambiance: outside: nice to sit with beach view; inside: ??; very touristic, has something of a tourist trap ...
price: high
6. **Pub “Cormoran”**
food: drinks in all varieties; free wireless
ambiance: Irish Pub; nice, good sea/beach view
price: 4.50 Euro/pint
7. **Restaurant “Gines”**
food: mostly meat, seafood; normal quality
ambiance: normal (sometimes loud TV)
price: medium to higher
8. **various restaurants**
here your input is needed!
9. **Bar ??**
food: drinks, tapas, simple snacks, ...
ambiance: right at the beach, very simple, touristic
price: medium to higher
10. **Sandwich place (I have not been there)**
food: Sandwiches
ambiance: ??
price: ??

11. **(Tapas) Bar “Piquio”** (I have not been there)
food: simple things, drinks
ambiance: mostly for students
price: “ok”
12. **“Pizza Hut”** (I have not been there - and will probably never go)
food: Pizza
ambiance: ??
price: ??
13. **Tapas bar “Pincheria”**
food: good quality tapas
ambiance: small, but nice; restaurant part downstairs, no windows
price: medium to higher
14. **“Maremondo”** (I have never drunk or eaten anything inside)
food: outside: drinks, snacks, coffee; inside: ??
ambiance: good seeview; if you are lucky you get served, if you are unlucky ...
price: medium to high
15. **Bar “Caribe”**
food: mostly drinks, some simple food
ambiance: nice for a drink, food only with good weather outside
price: medium
16. **Restaurant “La Cañia”**
food: typical spanish food, tapas, full meals
ambiance: ok; outside nice; inside: first comes simple part with TV, more inside comes the nicer restaurant part
price: medium to higher
17. **Tapas bar/restaurant “La Bodega”**
food: typical spanish food, tapas, full meals
ambiance: ok, relatively simple
price: medium
18. **Restaurant “Marea Alta”** (in the Hotel Rio Silken; last visit very disappointing)
food: supposed to be excellent food, got substantially worse
ambiance: higher level, slightly cold, but good view to the street
price: ≥ 40 Euro/person
19. **Restaurant “Balneario de la Concha”**
food: recently improved, try the “tablas”, good for a drink on the terrace
ambiance: very nice seeview, nice atmosphere
price: medium

S1 Supermarket "Lupa": normal choice for normal prices.

S2 Supermarket "Lupa": normal choice for normal prices.

B1 bus stop with one line (2) to the center

B2 bus stop with four lines (1, 2, 13, 20 (via the tunnel)) to the center

1. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Bodega Riojano”**
food: many good tapas, very good restaurant; try the “solomillo” (bien hecho)
ambiance: very nice and cosy; tapas part and restaurant part
price: medium
2. **Bar “La Tienduca”**
food: drinks
ambiance: nice atmosphere, good for a “drink later”
price: normal
3. **various bars** (here your input is needed)
food: drinks, ??
ambiance: partly for students, partly for everybody
price: ??
4. **Tapas bar(/restaurant?) “La Goria”**
food: good pinchos
ambiance: small; often very full, nice
price: medium
5. **Tapas bar(/restaurant?) “Bar Cantabria”**
food: I only tried the ham: very good
ambiance: very simple, neon light?
price: medium to lower
6. **Tapas bar “a11”**
food: good tapas, some free (and very good) cheese with your wine
ambiance: nice outside, ok inside
price: medium to lower
7. **Tapas bar “Deluvio”**
food: many delicious pinchos, try the “tortilla de patatas rellena”!
ambiance: mostly full, buisy, original
price: medium to lower
8. **Tapas bar “Tivoli”** (I have not been there)
food: ??
ambiance: ??
price: ??
9. **Bar “Mandala”** (I have not been there)
food: Drinks
ambiance: ??
price: ??
10. **Bar “Emboque”** (I have not been there)
food: Drinks
ambiance: ??
price: ??

11. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Rampalay”** (WHA)
food: many good pinchos
ambiance: not special, but ok
price: medium
12. **Cafeteria**
food: Coffee, hot chocolate, ...
ambiance: outside: ok; inside: more for my parent's age ...
price: medium to higher
13. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Conveñiente”**
food: tapas ok; don't remember full dishes
ambiance: very nice wine barrel decoration; dark; sometimes with live piano music
price: medium
14. **Bar “La Calle”** (I have not been there)
food: Drinks
ambiance: a bit stylish ...
price: ??
15. **Bar “Bogart”** (I have not been there)
food: Drinks
ambiance: a bit stylish ...
price: ??
16. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Cañadio”**
food: high-end tapas (tapas on “bread”); restaurant is excellent
ambiance: nice, often very full
price: medium to higher
17. **Bar “Loft”** (I have not been there)
food: Drinks
ambiance: a bit too stylish ...
price: ??
18. **Bar “Ventilador”**
food: drinks of all kind
ambiance: outside: right in the plaza; inside: ok
price: medium
19. **Bar “Canela”** (I have not been there)
food: drinks
ambiance: outside: nice; inside: ???
price: ??
20. **Tapas bar “????”** (changed since my last visit ...)
food: Simple, but filling dishes
ambiance: (too?) simple, neon light? Seems to have improved.
price: low to medium

21. **Coffee bar “La Columna”**
food: coffee and drinks
ambiance: outside: nice to sit; inside: so so
price: medium
22. **Tapas bar(/restaurant?) “Cigaleña”**
food: good tapas, try the dry cheese!
ambiance: small, often crowded, elegant, a bit up-scale
price: medium to high, 50 year old wine bottles are available for “a corresponding price”
23. **Tapas bar(/restaurant?) “Asubio”** (I have not been to the restaurant)
food: very good tapas and raciones – one of my recent favorites
ambiance: very nice
price: medium
24. **Tapas bar/restaurant “La Barberia”**
food: high-end pinchos
ambiance: ok, slightly too stylish
price: medium to high
25. **Tapas bar/restaurant “La Taverna”**
food: tapas are good, wine is good
ambiance: nice
price: medium
26. **Tapas bar “Hijas de Florencia”**
food: good pinchos
ambiance: more original, more rustic, no seats
price: medium
27. **Bar “Cruz Blanca”**
food: good for beer, never tried the tapas
ambiance: you can draft your beer on your table; a screen shows the consumption of all the tables ...
price: medium
28. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Centro Gallego”** (recent owner change)
food: mostly seafood; “raciones” very good
ambiance: suffered a bit from the owner change, still ok
price: medium
29. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Casa Alba”**
food: simple, but very good; try the “rabas”! Also Paella is recommended.
ambiance: simple, original, many locals; very low ceiling
price: low

30. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Dias del Sur”** (I have not been to the restaurant)
food: nice tapas, a bit “different” (e.g., las sartenes pequeñas)
ambiance: a bit (too?) posh ...
price: medium to higher
31. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Viva Zapata”**
food: Tapas: ??; restaurant: good mexican food (but not the best in town)
ambiance: mexican ... , restaurant is relatively simple
price: medium to higher (especially for the Margarita)
32. **Tapas bar “Quebec”** (I do not remember much)
food: tapas, drinks
ambiance: ok
price: medium
33. **Tapas bar “Las Olas”** (I have not been there)
food: tapas ??
ambiance: looks nice
price: ??
34. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Pescaditos”** (recent owner change)
food: pinchos of all types, drinks
ambiance: ok, very busy (probably because of the price); one has to order by marking the pinchos on a sheet of paper ...
price: *everything* costs one euro: each pincho, each beverage
35. **Tapas bar/restaurant**
food: variety of tapas (don't let them choose for you!)
ambiance: normal
price: medium
36. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Bodegas Mazon”**
food: good tapas and food
ambiance: nice decor with huge barrels, original
price: medium
37. **Restaurant “El Puerto”**
food: very good tapas and food
ambiance: nice, elegant
price: ≥ 60 Euro/person
38. **Restaurant “La Bombi”**
food: good (for meat), but not exceptional
ambiance: medium
price: high

39. **Tapas bar “Dehesa Santa Maria”** (closed :- ()
food: simple tapas, mostly with ham; the “extremenñas” are excellent
ambiance: very nice, even cosy
price: medium to low for food; medium for drinks
40. **Irish Pub “Molly Doolan”** (I have not been there)
food: beer ...?
ambiance: ??
price: ??
41. **Tapas bar/restaurant “Sixtina”** (I only know the restaurant)
food: very good food, a bit “special”
ambiance: nice decoration, nice to sit
price: medium to higher
42. **Bar “Castelar 5”**
food: Drinks, *no* draft beer
ambiance: not my style of bar, or my style of people - you are guaranteed to lower the average age ...
price: high
43. **Restaurant “La Sal”**
food: excellent food; no tapas
ambiance: nice; elegant
price: ≥ 50 Euro/person
44. **Cafeteria “Siboney”**
food: coffee, drinks, simple snacks
ambiance: ok for a coffee ...
price: medium to high
45. **Bar “Stop”**
food: Drinks, beer
ambiance: nice; you get olives, chips and peanuts for free with your drink
price: medium to higher
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47. **Bar “Kings”**
food: Drinks, ...
ambiance: too stylish
price: medium to high
48. **Restaurant “Posada del Mar”** (I have not been there)
food: looks good ...
ambiance: looks elegant ...
price: looks expensive ...

49. **Cafeteria “Valor”** (cafeteria chain)
food: Coffee, hot chocolate, ice cream, some sweet dishes
ambiance: outside: ok; inside: so so
price: medium
50. **Restaurant “La Serbal”** (one Michelin star)
food: excellent food for an appropriate price
ambiance: nice, decent atmosphere
price: high
comments: “Very expensive, but the best dinner of my life!”
51. **Restaurant/tapas bar “La Mulata”**
food: specialized in fish/sea food, but also meat dishes, tapas
ambiance: ok, slightly cold
price: medium to high
52. **Tapas bar “Solórzano”**
food: nice tapas, often fish/sea food oriented
ambiance: nice inside, simple tables outside
price: medium
- B1 Bus stop “Castellar 1”
- B2 Bus stop “Castellar 22”
- T2 Taxi stand; good option to go back to the hotel Chiqui
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Even more information:

Beer (cerveza)

Normally beer is ordered by size. If you order “cerveza” you get a (small) bottle. For draft beer ask for

“caña”: 0.1-0.2 l

“tubo”: ~0.2 l

“jarra”: 0.3-0.4 l (0.5 l if you are lucky)

Wine (vino)

How to order a glass of wine:

“un tinto” (red house wine)

“un blanco” (white house wine)

“otro” (one more :-)

Normally the house wine is ok, very good quality/price ratio.

Food

“pincho”: small item to eat, often on a slice of bread, often with a toothpick, very typical

“racion”: one plate of something, good to share

Most typical dishes/tapas:

“pinchos” (see above)

“rabas”: fried calamar

“croquetas”: croquette with ham or fish or seafood or ...

“jamon”: ham, from best to normal: “bellota”, “iberico”, “serano”

“queso”: cheese, normally a plate with slices of typical spanish cheese

“albondigas”: meat balls in tomato sauce

“morzilla”: fried sausage made out of blood (pig), rice, onions, spices

“mejillones”: mussels

Counting:

uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco, seis, siete, ocho, nueve, diez

Legend:

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